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Work to begin soon on vacant former landfill

Scott Spielman
Editor

Things will soon start to happen on the site of the former Saterlee Dump.

Monday night, Romulus City Council members approved several preliminary expenditures for the project, which will turn the 260-acre parcel into a passive recreation area.

The city will pay \$30,000 to remove several trees, along with \$5,000 in legal services and \$5,000 in initial environmental consulting services for the project, according to Timothy Keyes, director of economic development for the city. The funds will come from a \$1.8 million Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). The engineering fees cover an operations and maintenance work plan for the park, he said.

"It's basically a health and safety plan," Keyes said. "It entails how we're going to take care of this site once the project is done."

The old dump site is located near Wick Elementary School, south of Ecorse Road, west of the CSX Railroad

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Councilman Charles Miller

tracks and north of Romulus Middle School. Drums of hazardous waste were once buried there, but they were long ago removed and the property has since been vacant.

The operations and maintenance plan essentially involves capping the formerly contaminated portion of the site and installing a passive methane gas release system, according to Keyes.

The initial portion of the project will be done in four phases, he said. First the trees would be removed, then the 550,000 cubic feet of soil that is already on site – scooped off and saved from the construction of a runway at nearby Metro Airport – will be graded over a portion of the land. The gas ventilation system would be installed –

it consists of trenches filled with peat gravel and pipes to collect the gases and ventilate them into the air. In the fourth phase the land will be seeded.

The city has long discussed what to do with the land, culminating in a study session that took place last year. One of the suggestions put forth was for a golf course to be developed there, but that has since been discarded, or at least put on hold, according to city officials.

That proposal would have cost more than \$8 million, according to Keyes.

"All the \$1.8 million will really do for us is to cut down the trees, move the soil and develop the gas plan," he said.

The work would put in the foundation for a golf course, but the decision would come at a later time.

"What we're doing here today does not determine where or not it will be a golf course," said City Councilman Charles Miller. "We'll discuss that later on."

Keyes said that workers would try to save as many trees as they could when they started the work. The removal could start as soon as the end of the month,

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Bright outlook

Members of the Romulus Board of Education officially marked the annual January observance of School Board Recognition Month recently. The theme this year "Building a Brighter Future for Children" is exemplified by current board members, according to Superintendent of Schools Joel Carr. Carr complimented trustees, back row, from left, Thomas Kuderik, Betty Lenossi and Niema White, along with, first row, from left, Treasurer Ken Mientkiewicz, Vice-president April Frayer, President Cheryl Buckley and Secretary Celeste Roscoe for their efforts at community support of education. "That community support has enabled the Romulus School District to provide first class facilities and state of the art technology systems for all students including over 2,000 high speed computers for 4,200 students," Carr said.

Special day Romulus hosts march, King celebration

Scott Spielman
Editor

Romulus officials said they hope for a good turnout on Monday, when the community celebrates the legacy and memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Events will get under way at 8:30 a.m., with a community march that begins at Romulus Middle School and ends at Romulus High School, according to Mayor Alan Lambert.

A pancake breakfast takes place there from 8-10 a.m., which will cost \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. The fundraiser will benefit the school athletic department.

The Martin Luther King celebration program begins in the high school auditorium at 10:15 a.m.

It's not too late to get involved in that, either, according to Kathleen Trent, public relations spokesperson for the City of Romulus. One of the scheduled

portions of the events, the Romulus Community Choir, is still looking for people to participate. To be eligible, attend a rehearsal from 6:30-8:30 p.m. tonight in the choir room at Romulus High School.

"We need everyone's voice," she said.

Lambert said the celebration should be a good one.

"It's obviously a great cause, and I hope to see everyone there," he said.

City welcomes first blush of Spring Festival

Scott Spielman
Editor

There will be a new festival in town, but Romulus residents won't see it until next year.

A group of residents and business owners petitioned the Romulus City Council Monday night for support for a Spring Festival that would take place annually on the weekend before Mother's Day. It will debut in 2006.

"We had originally planned it for 2005, but we decided to go for 2006 so we could do a proper job of it," said Dave Gibb, one of the committee members organizing the event.

He and about 11 other members of the committee have discussed a proposed spring festival since September. It would follow a flowering theme, welcoming in the spring, and be set up on Goddard Road down to Shook Road and on Shook Road down to the Five Points intersection. He and other committee members envision crafts tents, food vendors, entertainment and more.

"It'd be a festival similar to the Pumpkin Festival, but we wanted to stretch it further down Goddard Road to include all of the businesses," Gibb said.

He said that they were still looking to add other activities,

too, particularly for younger people.

"We're hoping to give something to the teens, so they're not just running up and down the streets," he said. "We want to

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Dave Gibb

give them some activities, too."

Since there are only about 100 days left before Mother's Day this year, there isn't enough time to contact all the vendors that might be

interested, send out packages about the festival and get everyone signed up, he added. His wife, Shelly, another member of the committee, said that 100 vendors had displayed interest in the festival.

Councilman Michael Prybyla said he was concerned about the input from the business owners, themselves.

"Some of the business owners have complained that (festivals) deprive them of some of their business," he said.

Gibb said, though, that he surveyed the impacted business owners and residents and at least 80 percent of them said they were in favor of the festival. Not all of them had officially signed up for it yet, which was another reason the committee wanted to wait another year to put the festival on.

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Belleville churches to aid victims of tsunami

Andrea King
Staff Writer

In the wake of the devastating Dec. 26 tsunami, churches around the Belleville area have focused on relief efforts to generate the funds for food, supplies and shelter to victims.

Father John Hagan from the Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville, said donation efforts started the day after the event.

"Through the Episcopal Relief and Development group, we, as whole got \$1.5 million to the area in three days," said Hagan.

"Since then, we've been collecting through our own members and passing it on to Sri Lanka, South

India, Indonesia, Bangladesh and Africa."

The tsunami has reportedly killed more than 150,000 people and left millions more homeless. Killer waves slammed into the coastline of 11 Indian Ocean countries from Africa to Thailand, snatching people out to sea, drowning others in their homes or on beaches and demolishing property.

It was perhaps the most destructive tsunami in history, according to the National Geographic News.

At this point, Trinity Episcopal Church is only accepting monetary donations, which will be used to purchase the necessary supplies.

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Father Tom Cusick

Collections will continue as long as they are needed, Hagan said.

"We are trying to do our best for the people in need, people that are hurting. Any check labeled tsunami relief will get out immediately to the churches there," said Hagan.

Another church—St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Belleville—is also working with their archdiocese to generate tsunami victim funds. Father Tom Cusick said

monetary donations will go to the Catholic Relief Services (CRS), an international relief and development agency of the United States Catholic community. They are responding worldwide to provide life-saving food, medicine, clean water, emergency shelter, basic hygiene and household supplies.

"This is an opportunity for ourselves to recognize how closely we're related to everybody," said

Cusick. "The big message is that we are all brothers and sisters. I'm confident that the CRS will make sure the money is getting there."

Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Open Arms, as well as the First United Methodist Church in Belleville, are also collecting donations. Their numbers are 734-699-5000 (Bethlehem Lutheran) and 734-697-9288 (First United Methodist).

To donate to Trinity Episcopal Church, call 734-699-3361. To contribute to the rescue and rehabilitation efforts of CRS, call 1-877-435-7277 or send a donation to Catholic Relief Services, Tsunami Emergency Relief Fund, P.O. Box, 17090, Baltimore, MD, 21203-7090.

OBITUARIES

DEMSKI, Robert

Robert Kenneth Demski, 77, a lifelong resident of Belleville, died Dec. 31.

Among his survivors are his daughters, Sandra (Bill) Dalton of Ladson, SC, Cheryl (Jim) Hughes of Belleville and Candice (Bob) Bouchillon of Maybee; sisters, Violet Laurie, Doris Winisky and Jean Demski, all of Michigan; eight grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Demski retired from Ford Motor Co.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Overhall officiating.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

JONES, Thomas Eugene

Thomas Eugene Jones, 61, of Sumpter Township, formerly of Flint, died Jan. 2.

Among his survivors are his children, Christopher, (Perla) Jones of Belleville and Merritt (Guy) Jones Champion of

Flushing; sister, Carol (Don) Vanier; a niece, Vicky Vainer; a nephew, Don (Tina) Vainer; and three grandsons.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

CROVA, Freda M.

Freda M. Crova, 86, of Romulus, died Jan. 2.

Among her survivors are her children, William A. "Bill" (Carol) Crova and John J. (Sharon) Crova, all of Romulus; a brother, George Zakolski of Stanton; four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Crova was past president of the Altar Society at St. Aloysius Catholic Church and was active on the church festival committee.

She was a dispatcher with the Romulus Fire Department for more than 31 years.

A funeral mass was at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Romulus with Father

Festus Ejimadu as celebrant.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

SMITH, Pascal

Pascal Clinton Smith, Sr., 66, a lifelong resident of Belleville, died Dec. 28.

Among his survivors are his wife of more than 44 years, Debbie Emily (Rose) Smith; sons, Pascal (Charlotte) Clinton Smith, Jr. and Kenneth Ray Smith, all of

Belleville; sister, Irene Powell of Melvindale; brother, Walter (Christine) Smith of Barbourville, KY, and grandchildren, Debbie Kristin Smith, Pascal Clinton Smith III and Joshua Jeffery Smith.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Father John R. Hagan officiating.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

NOTICE CITY OF ROMULUS STREET and ALLEY VACATION

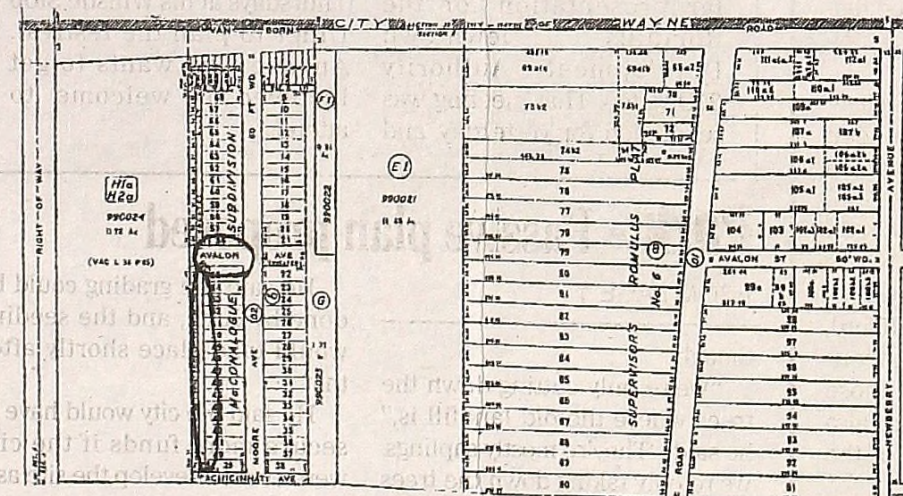
Notice is hereby given, that the City Council of the City of Romulus, has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 on Monday, February 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of taking testimony on the proposed vacation of the following street and alley:

That portion of Avalon Avenue west of Moore Avenue and the alley adjacent to Lots 39 to 55 inclusive and Lots 95 to 111 inclusive, McConalogue Subdivision.

Written comments may be submitted to the attention of Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485, no later than 12:00 o'clock noon, Monday, February 7, 2005.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
City Clerk

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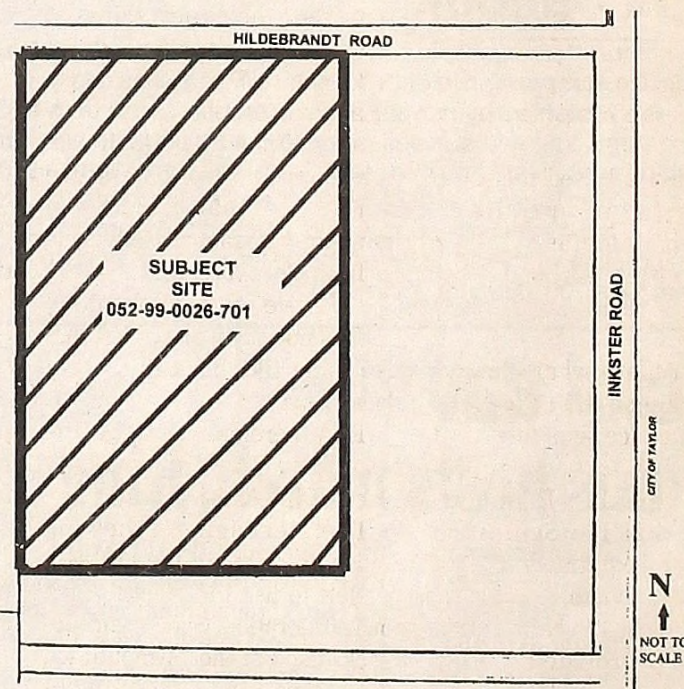


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CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED SPECIAL LAND USE LARGE (TRUCK-ORIENTED) WAREHOUSE

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19, 2005, for the purpose of considering a Special Land Use proposal. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a request to establish a large (truck-oriented) warehouse establishment located on the south side of Hildebrandt west of Inkster Road DP# 82-80-052-99-0026-701. The parcel is zoned MT-2, Industrial Transportation 2 District. This type of facility is permitted in the MT-2, Industrial Transportation 2 District, subject to Special Land Use Approval. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, January 19, 2005, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
City Clerk

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Thanks for the memories

Judges return family memorabilia to area business owners

John Counts
Staff Writer

Judges are not exactly known for their sentimentality.

That wasn't the case on Wednesday when a piece of memorabilia from an east side Detroit neighborhood in the 1950s made its way to Rose's Restaurant in Canton Township. The item, a 50-year-old pizzeria awning, was presented to restaurant owners by two area judges.

Judge Michael Gerou of the 35th District Court and Judge David Parrott of the 35th District Court presented Richard and Chris Costantino, who own the restaurant located at the corner of Canton Center and Cherry Hill roads, the old awning from Ernesto's Pizzeria. "Ernie's," as the pizzeria was affectionately

called, was owned by members of the Costantino family more than 50 years ago.

But for the past 30 years, Parrott's family has been in possession of the sign that once graced the front of the building on McDougall and Alexandria on the east side of Detroit. The pizzeria was a hangout for his parents, Ronald and Rita Parrott, in the 1950s. According to Ronald Parrott, a retired Detroit police officer, it was a neighborhood favorite back then.

"The neighborhood was very, very tight," he said. "It was good. We would roam the streets. This was the place we would end up."

Ernie's opened up in 1933, right after Prohibition ended, Parrott said. The pizzeria's prime was from about 1954 to

1965. Then, the pizzeria closed and was turned into a Baptist church.

When Parrott visited the site of his parents' old hangout in 1979, the sign was still hanging, he said. He was looking for a present for their 20th anniversary and thought the sign would make an excellent gift.

"It was in bad shape, but I asked the people from the church if I could take it and they said it would be fine," Parrott said.

The tattered sign stayed with the Parrotts, who have since moved to Florida, until Wednesday, when Gerou and Parrott presented it to the Costantinos, who still have pictures of the family's old pizzeria hanging from on the walls of their Canton restaurant.



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"It gives a little sense of history," Gerou said.

Richard Costantino said he plans to hang the old awning in

the back dining room of Rose's over the bar.

"This is a great surprise," he said.



Home City Ice has the coolest warehouse on the block. Manager Jeff Sypek shows off the blocks sculptors will use at the Plymouth show next week.

Chip off the old block

Firm keeps ice show out of hot water

John Counts
Staff Writer

What do ice sculptors, Kid Rock and the Amish have in common?

They have all used the same ice blocks stacked up at Home City Ice in Romulus—the ice provider with a warehouse big enough to fit castles, animals and automobiles.

At least that's what some of the 200,000 pounds of ice will become once ice sculptors have their way with them during the 23rd Annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular from Jan. 17 to 23 in downtown Plymouth.

For the past 12 years, Home City Ice has provided the ice blocks sculptors use for carving at the Plymouth show. Home City managers Kevin Dickerson and Jeff Sypek said they plan to take about two semi-truck loads of ice to Plymouth on the Thursday or Friday before the show begins. They estimate the show uses about 600 to 1,000 blocks of ice each year. Each block weighs about 300 pounds.

The blocks may be big, but they aren't the easiest things to come across these days, Dickerson said. They only make up a small portion of the business for Home City, which supplies chipped ice to convenience stores, now that the days of horse-drawn wagons delivering ice from blocks are over.

"They've become obsolete. There's not many places left that use them like back in the old days," he said.

They therefore have to get the ice blocks from an unlikely place—Ohio Amish country.

The electricity-eschewing Amish are some of the last people left to use the blocks of ice for refrigeration. Sypek said the blocks used at the Plymouth ice show come from a company in Ohio that produces them for an Amish community in Middlefield.

"It's the only place left it's still profitable to run block," he said.

The only other places that need ice block are fishing vessels still not equipped with refrigeration and, oddly enough, movie and television sets, where the

blocks are ideal for making fake snow. The ice is run through a grinder for the illusion.

When Kid Rock produced his Christmas special in the Detroit area a year ago, Home City was called in to supply block to help with the snow, Sypek said.

"It's something a lot of people don't realize," he said.

Dickerson said he first started doing the show in Plymouth when organizer Mike Watts gave him a call more than a decade ago. Dickerson admitted he didn't know much about ice sculpting at the time.

"The first time I saw the show, I was amazed. I'd never seen people put block together like sculptors do," he said.

Now he's an old pro at it. Home City also supplies blocks for ice sculpting shows in Frankenmuth, Brighton, Milford, Rochester and Detroit. According to Dickerson, those shows are much smaller and also don't have the tradition of the Plymouth show.

"There's no place that comes close to the size of Plymouth's," Dickerson said.

Spring fling

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Members of the council said they liked the idea, and later approved a unanimous resolution in support of it.

"We think the idea is great," said Randolph Gear, mayor pro-tem. "They have a lot of good ideas."

Councilman William Crova agreed.

"A lot of organization is going to be needed," he said. "The theory is a good one. I commend you for giving yourself enough time."

Councilman

LeRoy Burcroff suggested the committee talk with members of the Pumpkin Festival Committee to get some ideas of what is involved in putting together a large annual festival.

"They've learned some things over time; things to do, not to do...pitfalls," he said.

Council members did not commit any funding to the project, though, which was another thing the committee sought from the city. Gibb said they would put on a similar presentation for the Romulus Downtown Development Authority (DDA), too. That meeting was scheduled for yesterday, and

the outcome wasn't known at press time. Gear said a funding request would have to come through the city administration.

"The administration would have to come to us with a recommendation," he told members of the committee. "That's how we'll act on this, when it comes down."

Burcroff said he hoped to see something that wouldn't

require a lot of city funding.

"I'd like to see a nice festival that wouldn't be a burden on the taxpayers," he said. "My intent would be for

it to become a self-funding festival."

Mayor Alan Lambert said he was in favor of the festival idea, too.

"I think it's a great idea," he said. "We've talked about it for quite a while, now."

"I think when you can bring people into our downtown, everyone is going to benefit, even the businesses," said Councilman William Wadsworth.

Gibb said the committee would meet twice a month on Thursdays at his Whistle Stop Diner to plan the festival. Anyone who wants to get involved is welcome to attend.

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**Councilman
LeRoy Burcroff**

Park - Passive plan proposed

FROM PAGE 1

though.

"We're only cutting down the trees where the old landfill is," he said. "They're mostly saplings. We're only taking down the trees that will be impacted by the grading process. We're leaving the stumps behind because of how that would affect the fill, itself."

He said the grading could be done by June, and the seeding would take place shortly after that.

He said the city would have to secure more funds if the city were ever to develop the site as a golf course.

"We're going to have to chase down more grant funds to get that finished," he said.

Current ice festival pleases event founder

Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

Life-long Plymouth resident and businessman Scott Lorenz said his goal from the start was to make the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular the preeminent ice show in the U.S.

And with the 23rd installment less than a week away—and several other shows sprouting up throughout the state—it's safe to say he accomplished his mission.

To ensure that the spectacle was one-of-a-kind, Lorenz traveled the globe looking for what he deemed to be benchmarks for the Plymouth show.

Lorenz took trips to Minneapolis, Quebec and Japan. And although Plymouth's population doesn't come close to those metropolises, Lorenz said there's something about the community that draws people in each year.

"I know Plymouth is a small town," he said. "But that's part of the charm of it. It's quaint and there's some great things going on here."

Lorenz said January is the perfect month for the event, because the first month of a New Year is traditionally a slow month for Plymouth businesses. He also said he has gone on tour and spoken in a number of cities across the state about the advantages of a show like this.

"If more cities in the state did this, that would be great for the state as far as tourism," Lorenz said.

Frankenmuth is one of the cities that has coordinated its own ice show, Lorenz said. He also said other cities have attempted to copy the Plymouth exhibition, but with little success.

"None of the others can really compete with ours," Lorenz said. "Frankenmuth's is well-done, but not on par with the one we have here."

The City of Detroit is looking to implement an ice show, as well. Tentative plans have is scheduled to begin just before this year's Super Bowl.

Lorenz ran the event for the better part of its first 10 years of existence. He also spearheaded the effort that brought a professional team of sculptors to Plymouth from Japan—where festivals of this sort are world-renowned.

Lorenz is confident in the appeal and spectacle that the Plymouth show provides, but he's not quite ready to say that it's on par with the Far East show.

"It's out of control in Japan," Lorenz said. "There's hundreds of major statues. The Japanese Army even helps with sculptures. Some of them are four stories tall. And it's cold as heck over there."

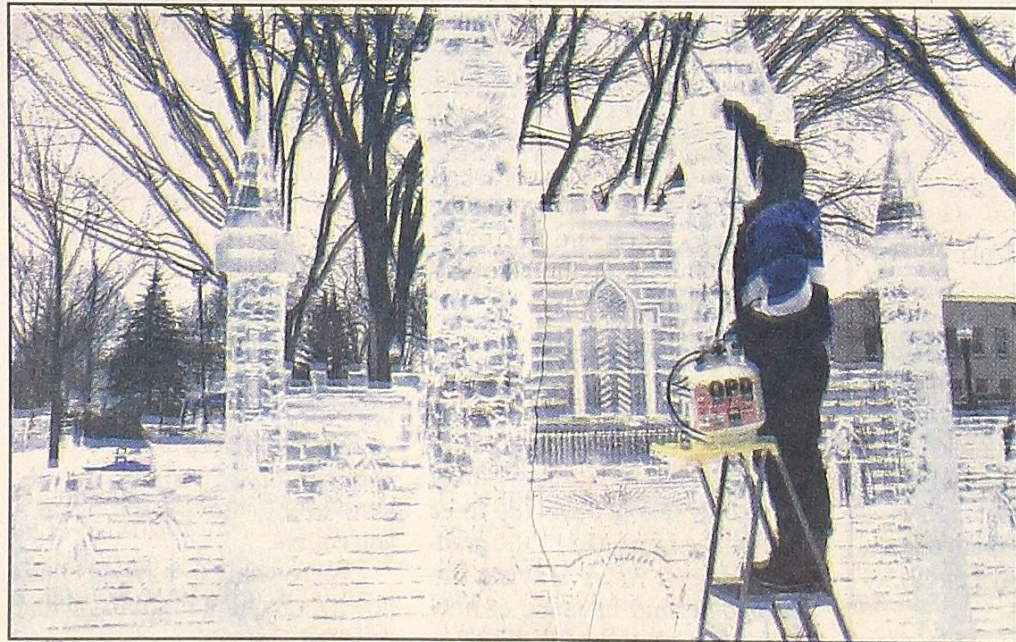
Since he helped to establish the event, Lorenz decided to give potential ice show goers some tips on how to view the event.

"It might sound a bit absurd to some people, but the best time to see the sculptures is at 6 a.m.," he said. "It's great. Nobody's there to get in your way, and the sculptures are still lit up. But overall, it's a wonderful, wonderful event."

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During the 23 years the Plymouth Ice Spectacular has been delighting visitors from throughout the area, sculpting tools have changed to powerful electric drills and saws like those being used above, while artists use extra water to coat their finished creations with a smooth, unblemished surface.



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OPINION

The price of news

Anyone who has tried to put together a large community event will tell you that it's a lot more difficult than it looks.

That's particularly true in the current economy, when the municipalities that host these events and the corporations that donate to them are looking for ways to cut down expenditures – in many cases to save jobs.

Still, there are times when the attempts to gather donations just go a bit too far.

A conversation with Mike Watts, who is contracted to organize and produce the festival every year, revealed what we considered a surprising fact: he would not provide any information unless our newspaper donated \$1,000 to the event. So much for the spirit of open, community giving – this was more like extortion.

Now, this may come across as a simple case of sour grapes. Our newspaper once contracted with the Ice Festival board to publish the official event program, in much the same way we work with the Plymouth Fall Festival. We sold the advertising, published the book and the organization got a percentage off the top. We earned a little extra money, the organization got some additional funding (along with the additional promotion) – everybody wins. That contract has since been awarded to our competitors, perhaps because it brought in more money to the ice festival or provided more exposure or maybe even a better product, who knows.

And who cares? This is a free market society, after all, and in a difficult economic time like this, you're crazy not to take a better deal if it comes along. Competition is a good thing.

We take exception, though, with the notion that the information about the festival and the cooperation in promoting it is available for a price.

It is a non-profit organization that was initially developed to benefit the entire community, after all.

Again, it's a difficult thing to put on an event like the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular – nobody will argue that. But perhaps it wouldn't be so difficult if there weren't a price tag attached to things as simple as a short conversation intended to promote and publicize the event and a few returned phone calls.

Now is the time to begin

Officials in the City of Wayne will break with recent tradition this month when they get together for their annual goal-setting meeting.

The meeting is one that begins the budget preparation process and the city takes a refreshing approach to it, moving off campus to talk about what they accomplished in an informal session.

This year, they'll meet twice, in part to talk about a one-year budget plan and to talk about a five-year plan to better prepare for things down the road.

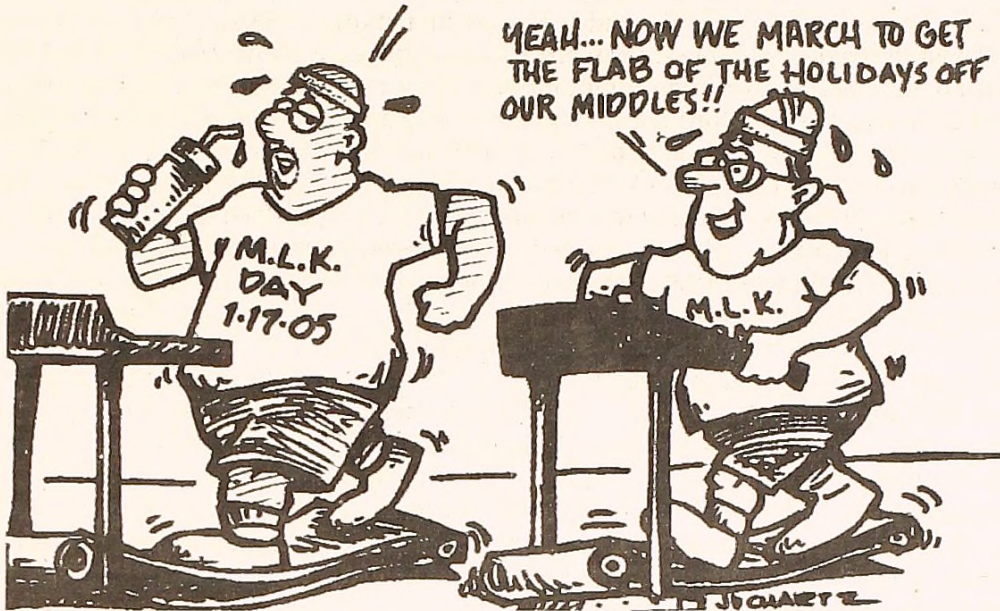
Obviously, city officials are no strangers to looking ahead – they are, in fact, toward the end of a municipal building plan that was decades in the making and execution. This dual-purposed goal setting is merely in response to the difficult economic time the city has faced during the past two years.

It's the same virtually everywhere, too: funds are tight, things have to be put off. Those items, which can range from anything to sewer improvements to new police cars to additional park work or simply bolstering a department that has had to work short-staffed for too long, can't be put off forever, though.

They also can't all be paid for at once.

Now is the perfect time for city officials to revisit that longer-term approach. They have weathered the recent financial storm, built up the trust of residents as they are on the cusp of easier financial days when the income from the expansion at the Ford Motor Co. plants begins to flow in, in earnest. It will help prioritize expenditures, prepare for future expenditures and truly open the door for the way the city will operate in the coming years.

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There's still a lot to learn

Next week, many people will take a day off – or at least some time – to attend an event or reflect on the legacy of The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

To me King's message has always had its basis in a common, universal theme: to respect all people, regardless of their race, ethnic background, or what have you.

And on that note, I want to address one of my pet peeves. It can be an innocent enough couple of words and it's possible that, when someone utters them, they may not realize that they can have a negative connotation.

"You people."

I've heard it most recently at city council meetings around my usual beats, in Wayne and Westland. They tend to come out at the beginning of phrases or complaints or tirades: "You people don't understand this..." or "You people think..." or "You people always try to..." or "I don't understand you people..."

You get the idea.

On the surface it may seem innocent enough, and perhaps it's just a throwback to an earlier

style of conversation. I've always taken it, though, as a subtle, nasty separator. It draws a line between the speaker and their target audience and infers some kind of difference – and that difference never seems to be a positive one. It berates them, in a

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way, and can remind them that they are in a different class than the person who utters the simple phrase. It also binds a group of people together and proliferates an 'us' against 'them' mentality.

It makes me cringe every time I hear it.

In my own naivety, I like to think we're at a point in our civi-

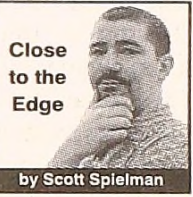
lization where we know better, that we can't put any number of people into one swooping group – or even a number of smaller groups – that we should judge people individually, by the content of their character – as King said – if we judge them at all.

Who knows, maybe it's too fine of a distinction. Maybe I am simply grasping at straws or my own skin is not as thick as it once was.

It's certain that we've come along way toward universal tolerance and respect. It's my hope that one day we won't even have to talk about the subject, it will be so inherent in our culture; the only time it will crop up is during history lectures.

Until that day, though, consider this a subtle reminder about the way we talk to each other or attempt to address our grievances. We're all the same, no matter what we look like or which side of the dais we may sit on and we all deserve the same respect.

Dr. King wouldn't have it any other way.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Easy steps to safety at home

I spent my broadcasting career watching folks work hard to be safe at home. But how often do we think of safety in our homes? So I was particularly interested when the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reported that most household injuries are caused by hazards that are easy to overlook, and easy to fix.

Here's a checklist to help you avoid some of the most common indoor hazards.

Cords

Cords across walkways can cause falls, shocks and fire. - Never exceed cords' ULS power rating. - Arrange furniture and the telephone so cords are out of the way. - Replace damaged cords.

Smoke detectors

Many fire departments help eligible residents buy and install smoke detectors. All homes should have smoke detectors. - - Install at least one smoke detector per floor. - Locate them near bedrooms, on the ceiling or on a wall, 6 to 12 inches from the ceiling. - Check the batteries according to the manufacturer's recommended schedule.

Space Heaters

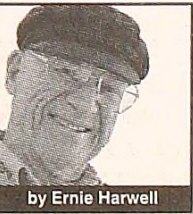
Heaters can cause serious burns and fires. - Follow installation and operating instructions. - Never place heaters in passageways or near flammable materials. - Call your local fire department for more information.

Home safety is another important way to take care of your

health before it's longgggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years.

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by Ernie Harwell

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Paper content criticized

To the editor;

I remember when you worked for the original Crier newspaper in Plymouth and you and that paper always did an excellent job of covering Plymouth – city, township, people and schools. I wish you and (W. Edward) Wendover were still in town, putting out a weekly paper. There is no decent Plymouth paper, anymore.

I do not read *The Plymouth Observer*. It does not stick to the news of Plymouth. It has too many articles about everything else.

That brings me to your Journal. Sorry to say that I do not read it, either; although I do try every few months to see if it has improved. I just picked up the Dec. 30-Jan. 5 issue and I am still disappointed.

Under the title it claims it is Your Voice in Plymouth. That could not be further from the truth. I read the five Plymouth stories and the four Plymouth sports stories. The rest of the paper was full of articles and mentions from outside Plymouth. As a quick count there were Canton, eight, Northville 11, Inkster, two, Wayne three and Romulus, one.

I assume the same articles appear in other Journal newspapers. Since I live in Plymouth I do not want to read ANYTHING about Northville, Canton, Inkster (!), Wayne, Romulus (!) or Belleville. That is what The Detroit News is for and they cover it very well. My friends and neighbors feel the same way I do. We think there is a huge market for a Plymouth ONLY paper.

I just thought I would give it a shot and suggest you really try to put out a PLYMOUTH paper. Or at least get your owner to consider it.

Lisa A. Stevens,
Plymouth

(Publishers note: We have not only considered it, we have done it. Unfortunately, the community failed to support such an effort. The original Community Crier covered Plymouth, Canton and Northville.)

Reporter accused of bias

To the editor;

In a recent editorial titled 'The Good, bad and silly,' staff reporter Molly Tippen reached into her bias bag to take a cheap shot at Mayor Hilliard Hampton and I feel compelled to correct her misstatements.

First, though I acknowledge her right to express her opinion, I believe that, when doing so, she has an obligation to be factually correct, especially when she personally witnessed the incident she is commenting on.

She characterized Mayor Hampton as being silly for bringing in a professional consultant on urban affairs to bolster his case for a strong mayoral form of government. What was really silly were the machinations some council members and others went through to keep the consul-

tant's presentation from the public, by blocking its airing on cable TV. Were they afraid he would change public opinion?

Furthermore, the consultant spoke for more than 20 minutes because he was challenged by council members and others in the audience who didn't like what they were hearing. And it wasn't a coincidence that the consultant advocated a change in the city's form of government; that's why he was there, just as the others, who spoke in favor of the city manager form of government, were given time for their presentations.

Mayor Hampton's approach to influence the charter commission was far from silly. Indeed, it was a very astute professional way to advocate his position, which really intimidated his opposition, perhaps even Molly Tippen, who is supposed to be an objective reporter.

Terrel M. LeCesne, Ph.D.
Chairman, Inkster
Charter Commission

Councilman requests suggestions

To the editor:

In the next few weeks, the Wayne City Council will be establishing the 2005-2006 budget, as well as discussing the future of the city. We are hoping the economic pendulum has started to swing in our favor, but preparing to take advantage of an economic upswing is as important as preparing for budget cuts.

The city has seen great progress in the recent years, but it is hard to deny that there is still room to improve. Improving the quality of life in this city and raising the expectation bar is why I ran for office in Wayne. That task cannot be accomplished by the council and staff alone. Being on the council, I have been given the opportunity to help put great ideas in motion, but I am certain that many of the great ideas for the future of our city are being discussed between friends by the public, not between the council and the city's staff. That is why I am asking for any suggestions regarding ideas, improvements or concerns about our city. Please feel free to email me with anything that you would like to discuss. My email address is don4wayne@yahoo.com.

You can also contact me or any councilperson with your ideas through city hall. Every idea will be considered, but even the ones that are not possible to act on will inspire conversation and could lead to other positive change. I look forward to hearing from you,

and I am excited about the direction we are headed.

Don Hartford
Councilman, City of Wayne.

Movie content criticized

To the editor;

I am responding to the review of the movie *Kinsey* in the Dec. 2 edition of *The Canton Eagle*. The last sentence of the review states: 'Let's hope the movie helps us understand Kinsey better'... thus the reason for this letter.

Kinsey was a secular humanist and anti-Christian bigot who used poorly designed pseudo-scientific methods to return society to a pagan, hedonistic worldview where practically anything goes. Effectively, Kinsey's work led to a normalization of sexual promiscuity, adultery and perversion.

Although the movie deals with his adultery and homosexuality and some of his promiscuity, it fails to address, or even mention, his reliance on pedophiles, prostitutes and prison populations in his study of sexuality. It also fails to mention that Kinsey and his staff filmed the sexual abuse of children as part of their studies.

Finally, the movie contains graphic sexual content, references to perverse sexual practices, homosexual kissing, explicit male and female nudity and very strong foul language.

His philosophy has devastated our society and our children, resulting in sexually transmitted disease (including the AIDS virus), rampant teenage pregnancy, graphic depictions of sex and violence in the mass media.

Please consider all of this before you buy a ticket. Is it worth your time and money?

Barb Schmid,
Canton Township

Mayor chides reporter

To the editor;

Once again Molly Tippen has demonstrated a lack of understanding, biased reporting and a disregard for the truth.

In a recent editorial, 'The Good, bad and silly,' she makes an attempt to trivialize and demean my position regarding the Inkster City Charter. Before I get into the substance of this issue, I would like to point out a telling observation: In the past year, she has only interviewed or asked my opinion on issues facing the City of Inkster three times. Not only does she deem me not newsworthy, she has an incredible lack of understanding of practically all of my positions on matters of public policy.

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Regretfully, Molly Tippen has behaved more like a hired press secretary for special clients on the council and others she has aligned herself with, opposed to being a news reporter. The fact

that officials should be scrutinized, analyzed and criticized is a fundamental responsibility of a free press. Being objective, fair and factual is the credibility that good reporters strive for, but

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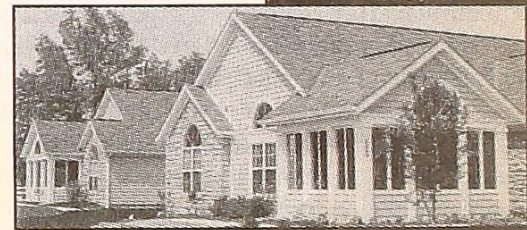
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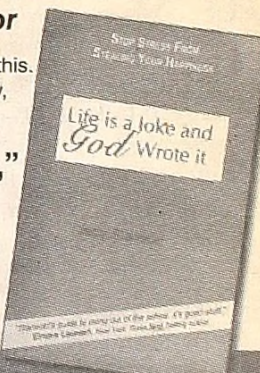
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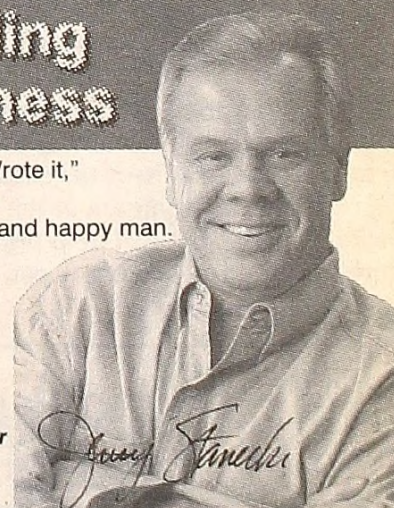
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unfortunately, not Molly.

Now a cursory look at the facts. The consultant's (Coit Ford, III, a public policy researcher) presentation was both comprehensive and informative. The charter commissioners all agreed to extend his time, because they had more questions as well as the public. My position on the form of governance is the reason I brought the commissioners credible and competent individuals. These individuals who can speak with a sense of truth and veracity to help validate my position; it's not coincidental – it's on purpose. That's what experts do: they validate a given position.

It's not 'silly' to introduce and look at alternative forms of governance as we reflect on 40 years of history. Can Inkster do better? Is there a government structure that Inkster can embrace that will make it progressive and address the systemic problems in our community? With 40 years of history for the charter members to draw from, I don't think it is unreasonable to have a 90-minute presentation on an alternative form of government. His recommendation was not mine: I suggested a mayor/council form of government; Coit Ford recommended a mayor/manager system with a manager as a chief administrative officer and council having veto power and oversight of administrative operations and budget.

Lastly, Molly criticized me for

having the presence of mind to share Mr. Ford's presentation with citizens who could not attend the meeting.

Why not? Doesn't the public have the right to know issues that have such historical significance and implications for the city future? If there was more balanced, objective reporting from Molly Tippen and *The Ledger-Star*, it wouldn't be necessary. Since I don't have the power of the press to get this information out and the press isn't doing it, the least I could do is offer it in a different medium – cable TV. By the way, I would like for Molly to answer what body told me 'no' to prevent me from televising the presentation?

I think the time has come to meet with the owners and editors of *The Ledger-Star* to address this matter. To do otherwise is really silly.

Hilliard Hampton II
Mayor, City of Inkster

Resident blasts YMCA president, resigns

To the editor:

The local newspapers referred to the demolition of the Wayne-Westland YMCA as "bringing down junk". This facility was a multi-million dollar investment by hundreds of citizens of the Wayne-Westland community, the United Foundation and the Metro YMCA.

I could go on at length about the shabby way this branch, this

Wayne-Westland Board and the Wayne-Westland communities were treated by you (Reid S. Thebault, YMCA President) until the time of closing in June 2003. However, it is the position of the YMCA since the time of closing that once again reaffirms your lack of commitment to community and to citizens who have been very good not only to the Wayne-Westland YMCA, but to the Metro YMCA.

The doors were just closed, but not closed well. The building was just abandoned with papers, stuff, and I assume the plaques with the names of hundreds of citizens who built our YMCA. Because it was not closed well or properly, the building was subject to fires. Luckily the Westland Fire Department put them out without harm to the firefighters, the neighbors or the probably young adults who set them.

The condition of the YMCA grounds for these past 18 months was atrocious. The grass was rarely cut. The weeds were allowed to grow up when flowers used to be planted by volunteers. Papers and other trash blew across the grounds causing the corner to be a blight to the community. I kept wondering when was the City of Westland going to issue you a criminal ordinance violation for the blight.

I spent over 30 years at the Wayne-Westland YMCA as a volunteer, board member, board chair and member. I chaired the

annual recognition dinner where we, the Wayne-Westland Board, held an annual celebration of community pride honoring volunteers and teachers for their work in the community. Not once did you ever attend such a function, or any other branch activity, but only attended one board meeting.

You were entrusted with the Wayne-Westland YMCA. Your stewardship was clearly lacking when our branch was open, when it closed and poorly cared for, and when this valuable community building was demolished.

Therefore, my husband and I are resigning as members of the Livonia YMCA, as well as members of the Heritage Club of the YMCA. I will not send in my pledge to the Strong Kids Campaign, preferring to donate the money to other charities in this community.

I truly believe that you have lost your commitment to the mission of the YMCA, but that is your choice and the choice of the Metro Board. I know that we no longer wish to have our good names associated with the YMCA.

Richard and Gail McKnight,
Westland

Mayor's actions defended

To the editor:

I will always have an interest in Inkster for two reasons. First, I was born and raised there and,

second, my brother has been the mayor for the past four years and will be embarking on another four-year term. I always pick up a copy of *The Ledger-Star* to read about Inkster. Needless to say the *Ledger Star* had lacked in reporting the progress of Inkster under Mayor Hampton's leadership. That, of course, is another subject.

In your article of Dec. 30, the Good, the bad and silly, I was somewhat confused; you labeled my brother as being silly. I read it twice in an attempt to understand your meaning and justification in such a label. My brother, silly? Clearly this is a misprint. Silly is defined as lacking good sense, foolish, unwise and feeble-minded. That definition under no circumstances describes my brother or his behavior.

I have known my brother for a long time and clearly he is not 'silly.' Mayor Hampton's actions or behavior can be summed up from the time he was a young man as being quick, brilliant and perceptive. Only the intelligent, knowledgeable and enlightened will be able to understand. How can one who really knows and understands Mayor Hampton's vision and compassion for the continual progress of Inkster and equate it to the behavior of Red Skelton or Lucille Ball, they are "silly."

I may be biased, but then again so are you.

Rita Hampton,
Ypsilanti

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Who should file a return? The rules for filing 2004 tax returns are straightforward for most people.

Single taxpayers (including those who are divorced or legally separated): If you're under 65 and had gross income of at least \$7,950 in 2004, you must file. If you're 65 or older, the cutoff is \$9,150.

"Head of household" taxpayers (generally, unmarried people who provide a home to a child or other dependent): If you're under 65 and had income of at least \$10,250, you'll need to file. If you're 65 or older, the cutoff is \$11,450.

Married taxpayers filing jointly: Filing is required if both spouses are under 65

and income is at least \$15,900. If one spouse is 65 or older, the cutoff is \$16,850. If both spouses are 65 or older, gross income must be at least \$17,800 to require filing. If you were married but not living with your spouse at the end of 2004, filing is required if you have income of \$3,100 or more, regardless of your age.

Married taxpayers filing separately: If you made at least \$3,100, you must file, regardless of your age.

Different IRS rules govern filing for

certain widows and widowers, dependents, those who owe special taxes (e.g., self-employment tax), children under age 14, and aliens.

It's worth looking into your filing requirements. This year you may not have to file at all. If you have a refund coming, you will want to file regardless of your income level. If you need more information or assistance with tax filing, please call our office.

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What is an Audiologist anyway? I hear this question often when asked what I do for a living. Simply, an Audiologist is an individual who provides diagnostic testing and rehabilitative treatment for the hearing-impaired population. Audiologists test patient's of all ages with various etiologies of hearing loss. They are employed in hospitals, schools, government, and private clinics. All Audiologists either have a Masters or Doctoral degree in Audiology from an accredited University.

Essentially, Audiologists perform hearing screenings and diagnostic testing for patients who feel they are having difficulty hearing and understanding speech.

In 2000, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' recommends a hearing screening for everyone once every 10 years from 18 to 50 years of age, with more frequent screenings after age 50. If a hearing loss is diagnosed, a comprehensive audiological examination by an Audiologist is recommended. Follow-up audiological testing thereafter is recommended every 2-3 years. The need for this type of testing is increasingly important, because of the incidence of hearing impairment in the United States. Hearing loss is not just a problem of the elderly either. According to a 1996 report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services², more than 28 million Americans of all ages are thought to have some degree of hearing impairment. Dr. Kochkin³ also has stated that since 1994, more than 1 million "baby boomers" between the ages of 45 and 54 have acknowledged a hearing problem, which required some type of audiological management.

In a recent article by Drs. Newman and Sandridge⁴ from the Cleveland Clinic, "Consequences of Hearing Loss" was discussed. They essentially stated, "hearing loss can seriously affect a person's quality of life". Limiting ones ability to listen in noisy situations and reducing participation in many social events that requires communicating with other people. Psychosocial effects of hearing loss also are seen through signs of withdrawal, cognitive loss, depression, social isolation, or psychosis. There are also risks of misclassification of the severity of senile dementia in elderly people with hearing loss. These are all excellent examples of why regular hearing screening or hearing testing should be performed to patients of all ages.

If you or someone you love believes you could benefit from a hearing test, I would strongly recommend that you consult with an Audiologist for purposes of obtaining a comprehensive audiological examination.

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Covering Your Assets Part IV

We've discussed different sources of down payment money and what lenders require to verify these funds. 401K or retirement accounts are sometimes used for down payment or as a source for reserves. Typically your most recent account statement will be satisfactory. However because of the nature of these funds you should keep some things in mind.

If you are using these accounts for your down payment some plans allow you to 'cash out' a portion and other types allow you to borrow against it. Do keep copies of all the paperwork concerning the transaction. Include a copy of the check and the deposit receipt.

If you are borrowing against your 401K some lenders will include this as an additional debt. Though this may seem silly, since it is your own money, their view is that it is a monthly obligation. If you are tight on your qualifying ratios this could be an important consideration. It may affect whether you choose to 'cash out' or borrow.

Also if considering using a 401k or retirement account for down payment it is a good idea to consult with your financial planner or counselor to see if this is indeed the best choice for you considering your saving, investment and retirement goals. Extra thought should be given to using 401K or retirement accounts for down payments. Because there is a long term cost for doing so. And that is the cost of lost opportunity. That cost should be carefully weighed.



Nelson Wilson
AVP-Senior Loan Officer
The West Team/Chase Home Finance

"If you are borrowing against your 401K some lenders will include this as an additional debt."

Understanding Your Homeowners' Coverage Needs

A homeowners policy is one of the most comprehensive policies you own. Items stolen on vacation? Homeowners insurance provides replacement coverage. Delivery guy trips on your patio? Liability coverage helps foot the bill. CDs stolen from your car? Once again, homeowners insurance to the rescue.

While homeowners insurance covers many things, it provides limited or no coverage for certain areas. In most cases an endorsement can help provide more extensive coverage for those items not included in a standard policy.

To help identify if you may need extra coverage, talk with your agent about your individual situation to determine what coverage is right for you.

Jewelry, computers, and collections of fine art are all examples of items that are often irreplaceable, both in terms of cost and sentimental value. If you don't have the right coverage you could receive little or no coverage in the event of a loss. For example, if you have more than \$1,000 in jewelry you might want to add coverage to your homeowners policy. Issues related to water sewer backups and building code upgrades are also good reasons for adding coverage.

You have two options. Increasing the limit on your policy will provide additional coverage and at an affordable price. You also can "schedule" your collection. This provides a more extensive risk and perils policy for your valuable possessions.

Because everyone's situation is unique, it's difficult for agents to align the appropriate coverage without your input. Periodically talking with your agent to review your current coverage, the features of your home and your valuables can help you understand your current policy and identify additional coverage needs. It's better to find out you have a gap in coverage before a loss rather than after you file a claim.

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Second time around

Software engineer to try again at ice sculpting competition

Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

After visiting numerous International Ice Sculpture Spectaculars, Plymouth resident Aydin Akcasu decided to try his hand at the art in the 2004 show.

"I saw the amateur competition advertised in the paper," he said. "So I decided to give it a shot. It's in my town, and I was intrigued by what it would be like to work with a huge block of ice."

Akcasu said he took an ice sculpting class, which served as a vehicle in his participation in the ice show. He also said he and his wife took part in a snow sculpture show in Ann Arbor.

His entry into the Plymouth show was titled "Lost in Cyberspace." It consisted of two Laptop computers facing each other. It was also composed of two people chatting online, simulating an "Instant Message" conversation.

Akcasu, who works as a software engineer, said his display was a way of showing people the direction in which he sees society going, as people are opting for computer conversations over phone chats. While it sounds like an elaborate display, Akcasu said his entry wasn't nearly as sophisticated as those he was up against.

"Unfortunately, the model wasn't as grandiose as everyone

else's," he said. "Even though they say it's an amateur competition, those guys really know what they're doing."

Akcasu finished fifth in the amateur individual portion of the show, but, he said, he still had a great time.

"I didn't look at it as a competition, I looked at it as something fun to do," Akcasu said. "I got to use the artistic side of my brain, and it was something completely different from what I do every day."

Even though he didn't place as high as he might have liked, Akcasu praised his opposition and their skills.

"It was my first time, so I wasn't

even in their stratosphere," Akcasu said. "They were very impressive. They did things I couldn't even dream of doing at this point."

Akcasu is all set to compete in this year's competition. And he

said it's a great event for people to attend and take part in, as well.

"I met a lot of really nice people," Akcasu said. "The people running the event, and participating were great. And if I can do it, anybody can do it."

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WHITE NOISE

If the horror genre ever completely died in Los Angeles, it appears to have been reanimated with a slew of scary wannabees. However, the majority of them have been forgettable or cheap remakes of past efforts.

White Noise, Hollywood's latest attempt to scare and startle audiences, needs to put up the white flag and save audiences from the headache-inducing special effects and mottled story line the movie inflicts on hapless audiences.

There's nothing worse than seeing a movie and realizing afterward that the trailer on television already showed all of the scary, funny or exciting parts — something that happens too often. The problem is audiences are left with only the story to enthrall them and keep them in their seats. And in the case of *White Noise*, there's not much to go on.

Michael Keaton plays a suc-



Jonathan Rivers (Michael Keaton, left) meets two believers in EVP -- Sarah Tate (Deborah Kara Unger, center) and Raymond Price (Ian McNeice, far right)

cessful architect, Jonathan Rivers, whose wife Anna (Chandra West) finds out that they are going to be parents. With Anna's newest potential best-seller ready to hit the book-

shelves, it appears that the River household is a happy one.

But Jonathan's peaceful life is turned upside-down by the unexplained disappearance and death of Anna. The death is

eventually ruled an accident by police.

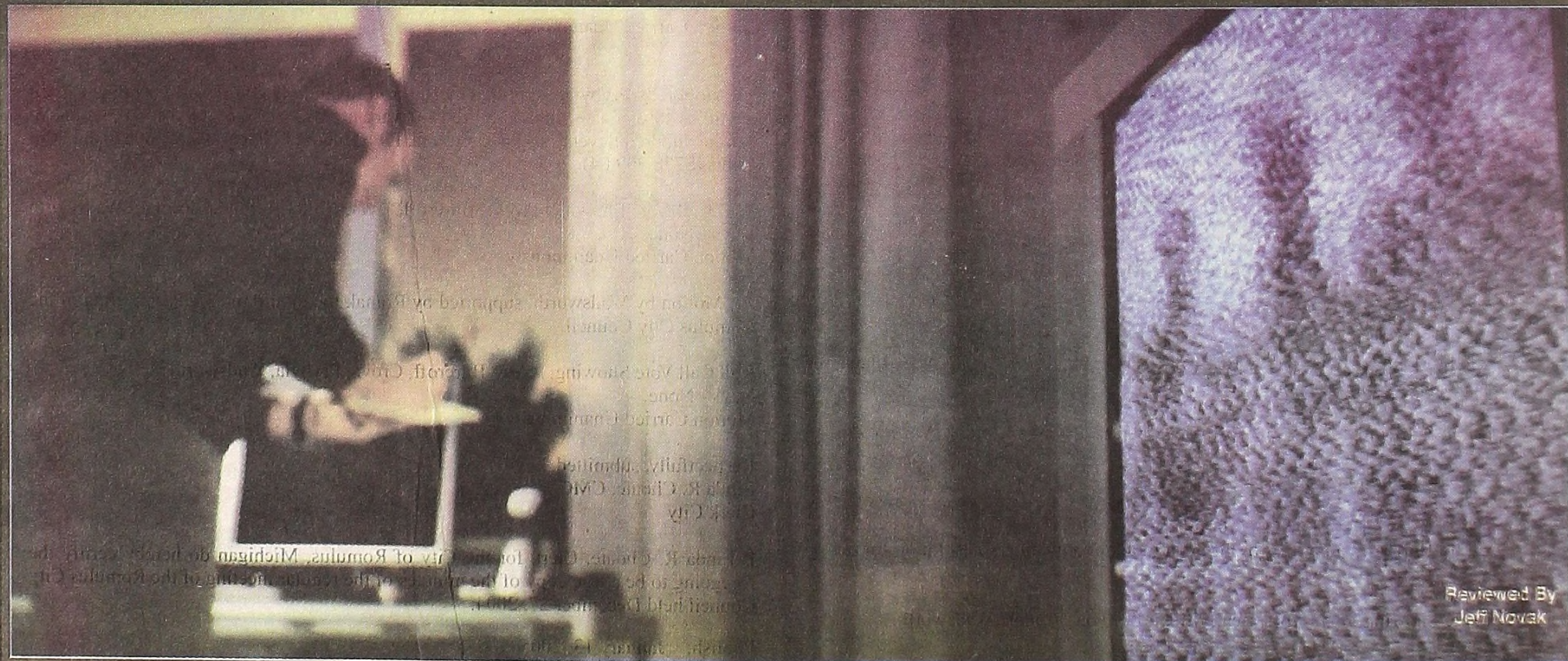
Jonathan is contacted by Raymond Price before the death of his wife is confirmed. He tells Jonathan that Anna is

dead and he has received messages from her through Electronic Voice Phenomenon (EVP), the process through which the dead communicate with the living through household recording devices.

At first Jonathan is rightfully skeptical of the claim and dismisses it. Then the police show up at his door with the news that his wife is indeed dead. This lands Jonathan at Raymond's doorstep looking for answers. There, Jonathan listens to a recording of Anna's EVP and that sets the plot in motion.

Once convinced of the validity of the message, Jonathan becomes obsessed with contacting Anna on his own. And finally, 45 minutes and a lot of static — or white noise — later, something happens. Raymond ends up dead and Jonathan finally gets EVP from Anna and

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Reviewed By
Jeff Novak

Noise

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others. With the deeper exploration of EVP and the supernatural messages, Jonathan's life is thrown further into a tail-spin, when evil things begin to happen.

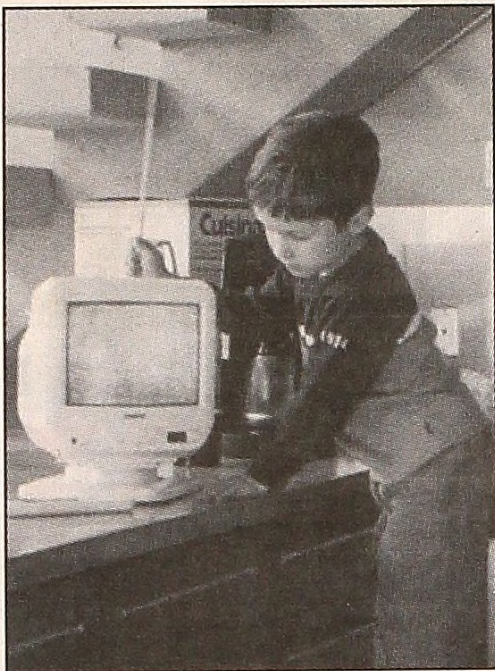
With the help of an independent bookstore owner Sarah Tate (Deborah Kara Unger), Jonathan starts to put the pieces together and begins to understand what is really happening

Sound interesting? Unfortunately, it sounds better than it is. Slow-moving is an understatement for the plot. More than half of the film is just Keaton watching static-filled television screens and listening to out-of-tune radio stations. It's not very interesting, let alone scary.

Honestly, there are a few suspenseful moments but nothing that will leave people squirming in their seats. The mind-numbing "white noise" scenes are annoying at best and the evil that is unleashed is nothing more than three shadowy figures – three very menacing shadowy figures

mind you – but again, not too scary, suspenseful or thrilling. And I can't forget to mention the unsatisfying ending.

Basically, someone needs to pull the plug on *White Noise*.



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OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD DECEMBER 27,
2004 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL,
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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

Present: LeRoy Burcroff, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth

Excused: Councilman William Crova.

Administrative Officials in Attendance: Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R Choate, CMC, Clerk

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Miller to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Romak, Prybyla, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-497

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held December 13, 2004 as corrected.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth
Nays -None. Abstain - Miller, Romak.
Motion Carried.

04-498

4A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to concur with the recommendation of Attorney Steve Schwartz and adopt the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Pension Plan and to proceed with negotiations with the Police Officers Association of Michigan ("Union") Bargaining Unit and the City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried. Unanimously.

04-499

4B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Russell Lambert; beloved husband of City Employee Maria Lambert and loving brother of Mayor Alan Lambert.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-500

4C. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to adopt a resolution for Mary Carter, former City Council woman; wishing her a happy 68th birthday.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4D. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to a adopt a resolution for Alice Plank, wishing her a happy 90th birthday.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-502

4E. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Marquerite Silvey.

Roll Call Vote Showing: - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairman's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-503

6A1. Motion by Miller, supported by Wadsworth to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 04/05-9 introduced at the December 6, 2004 Council Meeting.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-504

6A2. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to concur with the request of petitioner Resource Recovery, Inc., and schedule a public hearing February 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, 48 1 74, for the purpose of vacating Avalon Avenue, west of Moore Avenue, and adjacent to lots 55 and 56; and the alley located between Avalon Avenue and Cincinnati Avenue adjacent to Lots 39 through 55 and Lots 95 to 111 inclusive of the McConalogue Subdivision.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A3. No Action

04-505

8. Motion by Romak, supported by Prybyla to forward a resolution to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, opposing the operating license of EDS, at 28470 Citrin Drive, Romulus, Michigan 48174, and notice of public hearing on January 18, 2005, 7:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 800:0 Merriman Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-506

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 04-24 in the grand total amount of Seven Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars and Four Cents (\$778,599.04).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously

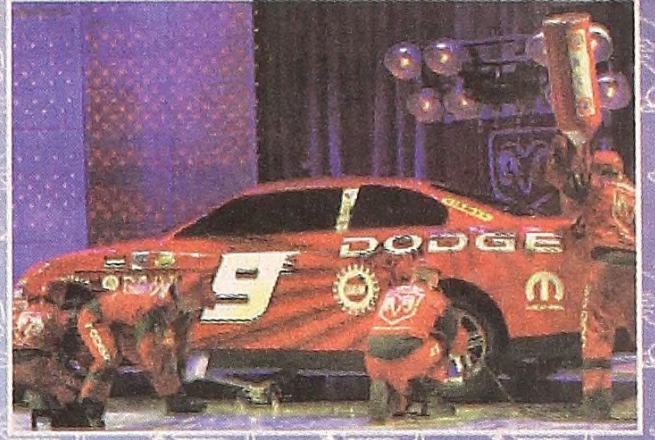
12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully, submitted,
Linda R. Choate, CMC
Clerk City

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held December 27, 2004.

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2005 NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

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2005 NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

New KIA features are sure to be noticed

Andrea King
Staff Writer

This year, both on the sales lot and at the Detroit International Auto Show, Kia will introduce old and new vehicles with more comfort and enhanced performance and safety features that consumers will be sure to notice, according to Charlene Kovach, general sales manager of Dick Scott Kia in Canton Township.

After a two-year hiatus, the Kia Sportage is back for 2005.

According to the organization, the Sportage offers more power to drivers with the option of a four cylinder or V6 engine. With the additional power comes a remarkably civilized ride thanks to the car-based platform and dual mode Sportmatic transmission, which gives the option of pedal free manual shifting for a sportier drive.

The Sportage also gives the choice of a luxury package, which includes leather seats, heated front seats and a premium stereo system. Standard safety features include improved directional stability to help maintain control in the event of a skid and six airbags, including side window airbags.

Kovach said the Sportage is not yet available at the Canton location, but its first showing will be at the auto show, which begins this weekend.

"It's a completely redesigned new super vehicle with a remarkable price," said Kovach. "It should be out by March."

The 2006 Kia is introducing the Sedona, a minivan that is packed with

power, versatility and comfort, along with the government's highest crash-test safety rating. The features include a V6 engine, ample storage and seating for seven as well as front and rear air conditioning, power front windows and door locks and a six-speaker CD stereo system. There's also an available rear seat DVD entertainment system and keyless entry with remote engine start, according to Kia.

"Customers will be

excited about the safety features. This vehicle is back by popular demand," said Kovach.

Prices start at less than \$22,000.

The most affordable four-door sedan in the country, the 2006 Rio, will also be showcased at the auto show, according to Kovach.

The new version will be longer, wider and more powerful. It includes outside body colored bumpers and door handles, tinted glass and accessory alloy wheels, inside height-adjustable drivers seat

fold-down armrest, front seatback pockets, dual cup holders, front-door air maps and available air-conditioning.

It also includes new safety features such as side-door impact beams, dual airbags, child seat anchoring system and energy absorbing steering column and bumpers, built to help avoid acci-

dents with strut front suspension and a stabilizer bar. Rio pricing starts at less than \$11,000.

"Kia has had it all going on and now we're attacking safety by the start of putting bigger safety features in the vehicles. And of course, Kia has the longest warranty, lowest prices and competitive stylings," said Kovach.

The KIA Spectra, which was rated as one of the top 10 rides of 2005, will also be displayed at the auto show.

This sedan was redesigned from the

ground up to exceed every expectation with its sportier style and impressive list of standard features, according to Kia.

The EX has features to make the drive and ride cozy, including power windows, door locks with remote keyless entry, heated mirrors, AM/FM/CD audio system with six speakers and air conditioning. It also includes clear-lens headlights, tinted windows, fog lights, an available spoiler and power moon roof with tilt.

Safety features for the Spectra include six standard airbags, front and rear crumple zones and an available four-wheel anti-lock brake system. The vehicle pricing starts at less than \$14,000.

The Amanti came out in 2004, but the luxury vehicle will also be on display at this year's Detroit International Auto Show and revamped for 2005, said Kovach.

The 2005 Amanti is a contemporary-styled vehicle with personality. Its features include more headroom, a superior safety system with eight airbags, plus available features like a leather package that comes with an Infinity sound system, heated front seats and the programmable Homelink garage door opener. It also comes backed with a 10-year, 100,000 mile limited powertrain warranty that includes five years of 24-hour roadside assistance.

Amanti models are priced starting at less than \$30,000.

"With all the comfort, safety and performance features of the concept cars, standard utility vehicles and sports cars, I think the auto show is going to be phenomenal for Kia," added Kovach.



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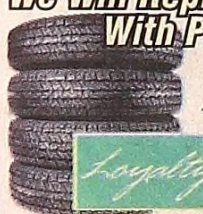
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Dodge will show off power of new vehicles

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

"More Power!"

The motto of Detroit's own Tim Allen – usually delivered as he grunted with his head thrown back – appears to be the Dodge mantra as well these days.

Five of their 12 models – the Ram 1500, 2500 and 3500; Magnum RT; and the Durango Limited – offer a version with a powerful HEMI V8 engine strapped in it.

But that's not all.

The Viper SRT10 Roadster can surely be touted as their mainstay of power. The sleek two-seater is well equipped with a 500-horsepower, 8.3-liter V10 engine. They also boast the world's fastest production truck with the Ram SRT10, which is also equipped with the same Viper engine.

Dodge is also attempting to take on the Japanese-made turbocharged speedsters with their SRT4. This maverick may look more like a supercharged version of the Dodge Neon, but with a 2.4-liter turbocharged 16-valve double overhead camshaft (DOHC) engine kicking out at 230 horsepower and going from zero to 60 in about 5.8 seconds, it's sure to raise some hairs – here and abroad.

Of course with power and speed comes cost. If you're Donald Trump or Bill Gates the Viper is a mere \$85,000 while the SRT10 runs approximately \$46,000. The Ram 1500, 2500 and 3500, with a choice of regular or quad cab, powered by the massive HEMI could range from about \$26,000 to \$31,000 while the Durango Limited starts at about \$34,000.

However, the SRT4 is moderately priced to start at \$21,195.

The Magnum, the newest powerhouse for Dodge, is a meaty station wagon with a lot of power. This isn't the normal cross-country family-toting Griswald driving machine, though. This is monster of the roadways sports 27.2 cubic feet of cargo

The RT version offers up the 5.7-liter HEMI Multi-Displacement (MDS) V8 engine starting around \$30,695. The MDS switches from eight cylinders to four during cruising and light accelerations for improved fuel economy from five to 20 percent depending on driving habits.

"The Magnum was all new last year,"



Viper SRT10 Roadster

space and more than 3,000 pounds of towing allowance with the RT model.

Prices vary depending on the model chosen. The SE offers a 190-horsepower, 2.7-liter, 24-valve V6 engine for around \$22,645. There is more than just added horse power to the SXT model. Along with the 250-horsepower, 3.5 liter, 24-valve V6 the SXT adds an electronic stabilizing program with all-speed traction control for about \$25,145.

said Jason Scott, general manager of Dick Scott Dodge in Plymouth. "It's a great car."

To add to the powerful family tree, Dodge introduced the revamped retro-styled 2006 Charger at the 2005 Detroit International Auto Show on Jan. 10. Although it's hard to see the resemblance to the Dukes of Hazard's General Lee, the new Charger will sure raise some eyebrows as the company's newest HEMI-

help Dodge break into the sedan market.

Since power is pricey, Dodge still maintains a moderately priced line up of cars and trucks, too.

Most of the models above offer less powerful versions for a margin of the price. They also offer a slew of other models at moderate prices, too. The Neon starts at about \$14,245 and tops out at around \$16,560.

They also offer the sleek Stratus Coupe that could top out at around \$23,600, depending on the model and there is also classy sedan version of the Stratus as well – moderately priced at about \$20,000.

Truck lovers can still fit into a Dodge-quality truck with the Dakota ST, SLT or Laramie. With a choice of the club or the quad cab the price could range from \$19,265 to \$26,610.

For larger families there is still the top-selling Caravan – the Grand Caravan was revamped in for 2005 and is priced to sell.

Scott said that the Ram trucks, the Durango and the Caravan are the mainstay for the Dodge market and will probably continue to be so in 2005.

"Sales were good last year," Scott said. "Daimler/Chrysler has been up year over year. They've had five straight quarters where they were over they were before and they're staying competitive on the incentives. I think 2005 is going to be a good year."

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Jaguar Estate Wagon unleashed

John Counts
Staff Writer

Jaguars for soccer moms?
That's the market the maker of the sleek sports cars hopes to attract with the newest design of its popular X-type model.
Jaguar will unveil the Estate Wagon at the 2005 North American International Auto Show, according to Nick Berinti of Jaguar of Novi.
This is the first station wagon Jaguar has manufactured. Berinti said that Jaguar, known for sporty sedans and luxury coupes, wanted to offer something new in an automotive field

dominated by sport utility vehicles (SUV).
"They believe the consumer would prefer to drive a car rather than an SUV," he said. "So they went with a wagon."
At an average \$30,995 price, the X-type is the least expensive Jaguar model, and not surprisingly, one of the most popular. The X-type features advanced occupant protection systems that alter air bag deployment depending on the driver's position and the weight of the passenger—so an airbag would deactivate if it sensed the lightweight presence of a child. The X-Type also features an anti-lock

braking system, all-wheel drive and dynamic stability control that prevents skids by reducing engine power when cornering.
A new, extended version of the Jaguar XJ8 will also be on display at the show, Berinti said.
The XJ8 starts at \$61,495. The new version will be about 6 inches longer, according to Berinti.
"It will have more trunk space and more leg space. It will offer a more luxurious ride, overall," he said.
The XJ8 has a powerful AJ-V8 engine and a six-speed automat-



Jaguar Estate Wagon

ic transmission and all the safety features of the X-Type.
Berinti said there will also be newer versions of the carmaker's other models which include the S-Type, which start at \$44,895 and the XK, which starts at \$70,495.
People can also look forward

to a surprise at the show, too, Berinti said—something so cloaked in secrecy he couldn't talk about it.
"They will be releasing a vehicle that won't be available for another year," he said. "But I can't talk about it."

Ford to introduce new mustang, three models at show

Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

When the 2005 line of Ford vehicles was released, nostalgia was in the air with the redesign of a classic automobile: the Ford Mustang.
2005 marks the 40th anniversary of the auto icon, and the automaker brings back memories for those who were around for the original, while showing younger car buyers the classic look.
The Pony comes with room for five, but the three who sit in

back could feel a bit cramped.
Bob Faust, sales manager at Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne, said it was made that way.
"It was designed to have nobody in the back," he said. "You can put little ones back there, but they'll be nice and snug, there's no doubt about that."
Faust said the Mustang has been in high demand since the design was released. He also said there are not many on lots yet.
Ford dealers haven't been able to order convertibles until

recently, he said. But by June, most dealers will have a nice supply of Mustangs.
Faust also said the car doesn't have a target demographic, which adds to its appeal.
"It's for people from 16 to 60," he said. "The buyer of the car hasn't changed. It's widespread."
While that may be true, Faust said an unlikely age group is purchasing the majority of the sports cars.
"You'd think you might see more young buyers, but it's people in their 40s and 50s buying the Mustang," he said. "It's amaz-

ing."
Another speed demon that is set to turn heads is the brand-new Ford GT.
The base price for the vehicle is set at \$156,000. Ford may produce about 3,000 of the cars, but the auto giant may not reach that goal, Faust said.
The look of the GT is similar to that of a Formula One Racing Car. Faust said that is the look Ford was going for.
"We wanted to have a car that was comparable to the Dodge Viper, but a couple steps beyond," he said.

Ford's first crossover or "hybrid" vehicle may cut into the sales of some of the brand's hottest models.
The Ford Freestyle is a combination of an SUV and a wagon, Faust said. The Freestyle comfortably seats seven. One could confuse the new release with the Escape, but the Freestyle is just a bit larger than the Escape, Faust said.
Faust also has high aspirations for the Hybrid vehicle.
"I think it might cut into the sales of the Explorer, Escape and Freestar," he said.

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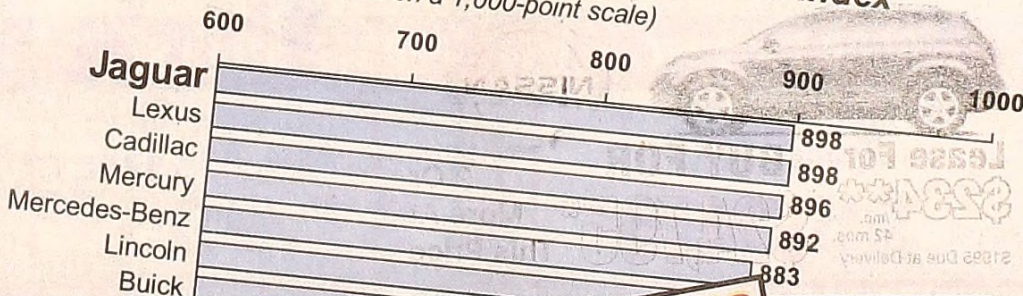


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New Saturn models set to revamp image

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Saturn is pinning future success on three new products that will hit dealerships in the near future. The new models will be unveiled at this year's North American International Auto Show this weekend at Cobo Hall in Detroit.

The two vehicles – the Saturn Sky roadster and the Saturn Relay minivan – will be on display with four other vehicles. The Sky and Relay – and a concept sedan called the Aura – mark a move away from the image the company has cultivated during the past 15 years.

Executives at the GM division hope the new products will help revive the company's image.

"There are new design cues on the Sky and the Aura – a concept sedan that will be at the show as well – that indicate where we want to go in the future," said Russ Clark, the director of business and product development at Saturn. "This is the first time Saturn has been able to offer a vehicle that seats more than five people, and it's something our loyal customers are looking for. We needed to do this."

The new vehicles are the first to veer away from some of things

Saturn customers are used to. All vehicle interiors used to be made of plastic, but the new vehicles are decidedly more upscale, with wood trim and high-end fabric. Leather accents and seats were also added to the vehicle.

The Sky is slated to begin production during the next few weeks and will be available for purchase in the first part of 2006, said Clark. It will be produced at the Saturn facility in Wilmington, Del., and will be priced at \$25,000. Careful attention was paid to every detail of the vehicle – from exterior design to safety.

An environmentally-friendly, 2.4-liter Ecotec engine powers

the roadster. The Advanced Automatic Crash Notification (AACN) system will also record collision data such as the point of

amenities of a four-wheel drive sports utility vehicle and a traditional minivan.

The Relay is considered to be Saturn's first foray into the minivan segment, which is generally dominated by Daimler Chrysler.

The Aura on display this year might not be an exact replica of the sedan that will eventually roll off assembly lines early next

year, but Clark said a comparable vehicle would be produced by 2006. It is unknown where that vehicle will be built.

Once on the floor, Saturn's lineup will have doubled from three to six models. Clark said dealers are responding well to what they have seen of the new vehicles so far. What remains to be seen is how the vehicles will compete with similar ones in the marketplace.

The new vehicles will take on some already-established names. The Relay will compete against Daimler Chrysler's Town & Country and Dodge Caravan, the Ford Caravan, the Chevrolet Venture, and the Toyota Sienna, to name a few.

The Aura will likely compete for sales against both domestic and foreign heavyweights like the Ford Taurus, the Nissan Altima, the Honda Accord and the Toyota Camry.

Last year, company officials were pleased with the sales of the small VUE SUV, but disappointed in sales of the Ion, its revised small car. Nevertheless, Clark said he believes consumers will respond to the new vehicles with more enthusiasm.

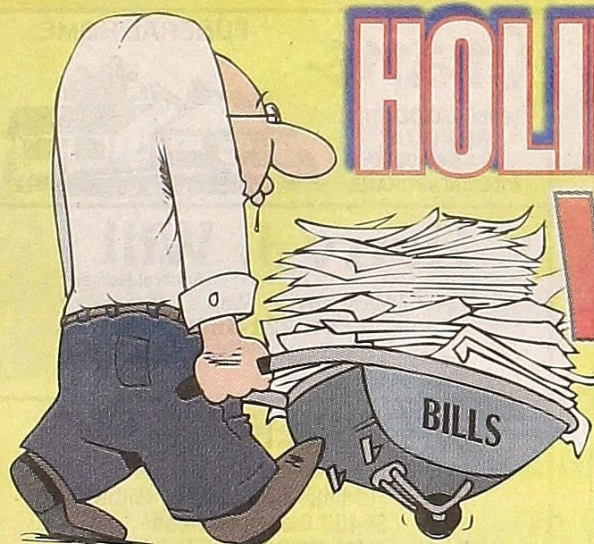
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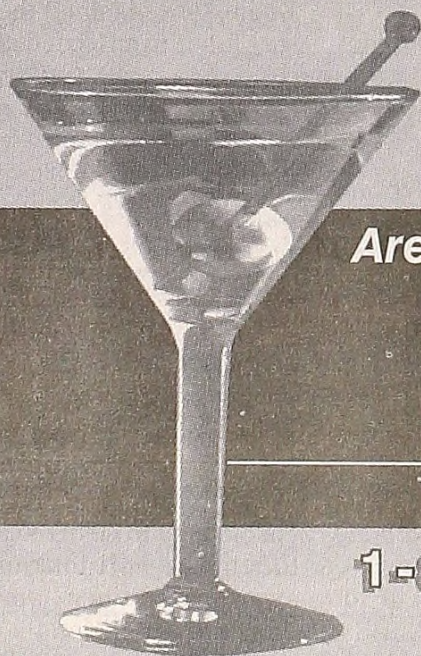


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SPORTS

Wayne hoopsters secure first two victories

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Wayne Memorial Zebras started out rocky with a 0-5 record this season, but they pulled out two wins last week to get them back on track.

"They weren't pretty," said Wayne Coach Wayne Woodard of the wins. "But it's better than the alternative."

Last Friday night in Walled Lake, they struggled early against Northern but overcame a six-point disadvantage and squeezed out a 65-61 victory. The game was the Zebras' first league contest.

The win was in part due to the strong shooting of senior Danny Walsh and Gene Nix, who combined for 46 points.

Walsh led the team with 25, while Nix recorded a double-double with 21 points and 14 rebounds.

Northern came out firing in the first. They outscored Wayne, 21-18, and extended their lead to 37-31 after two periods of play.

"They shot the ball as well as any team we've played," Woodard said. "They played a good game and played hard all the way through. We were just able to catch them in the fourth."

Wayne battled through the third quarter and knotted the score at 47 before they entered the final frame of play, where they overpowered Northern, 18-14, for a 65-61 final score.

Joel Darin scored 19 for Northern.

"It was our first league game and I think the kids were excited for it," Woodard said. "I don't think the win Tuesday night had anything to do with this one. I think it did alleviate some of the pressure."

The Zebras had another close call against Taylor Truman last Tuesday but pulled out their first

win of the season, 57-53. They had an 11-point lead at the half but Truman snuck to within two points by the end of three. Wayne hung on, though, and outscored Truman, 16-14, in the fourth.

Walsh led again with 17 and Roderick Walker added 12.

Edmund Lowe and Brandon Bowdry each scored 12 points for Truman.

"We didn't do anything different," Woodard said of the team's first victory. "We finally got things together and spread the ball around. The kids played hard and never quit; that was nice to see."

It was the first time that Wayne made it to the line more than their opponents did, according to Woodard. They were 15-25 and Truman was 9-16.

He said they need to get to the line more. In their losses they outscored their opponents from the field but didn't make it to the line as often. "The losses came down to free throws," he said.

Now that they're back on track – or at least headed in the right direction – they will have to face Walled Lake Western on the road tomorrow night in their first division game. Western beat Canton last week.

Mustang netters fall to Glenn

After almost three weeks off, the Northville Mustang volleyball squad came out flat Monday night against a tough John Glenn team.

They lost in three games to the Rockets, 27-25, 25-14, 25-16.

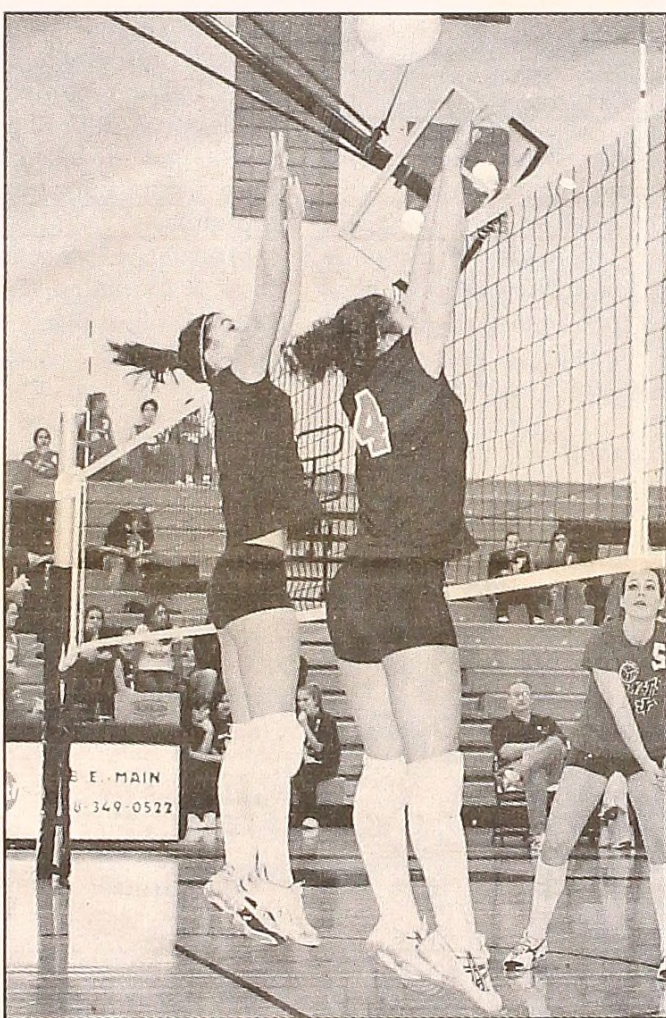
"It was a little disappointing, to say the least," said Northville Coach Steve Anderson. "We gave John Glenn more points off of errors than they earned."

Northville had 11 service errors to four aces and had 26 hitting errors. "That's one whole game we gave up on hitting errors," Anderson said.

Freshman Krysta Cicala led the offense with six kills and two errors on 15 attempts and she also had eight digs. Senior Evonna Karchon had nine kills and five errors on 22 attempts. Senior Jessica Markstrom also had eight digs while Dianna Deaibes had 22 assists on 85 attempts.

Next up for the 'Stangs is the Hartland Invitational on Saturday.

Glenn will host Central on Jan. 19.



Northville's Evonna Karchon and Diana Deaibes (14) attempt to block a shot against the Rockets in the teams' Western Lakes crossover match up Monday night. John Glenn won the bout in three sets. Cutline

'Glass' act Inkster track star finishes 2nd in Hawaii

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Although Darlene Glass is a standout on the Inkster Vikings varsity basketball team, there's not much else she would rather do than run track and compete in the long jump.

Her passion was evident during the Christmas break from school when she took off for Hawaii to compete in a national Track, Field and Cross Country Olympic Style Meet and Festival from Dec. 28-Jan. 5 in Oahu.

There, she placed second out of 10 competitors from across the nation in the long jump competition with a distance of 17' 1.5".

"I wanted to win first but it was so hot and it really drained me," Glass said. "I can't say I would have won if it weren't so hot and humid, but I think I would have done better."

The winning jump was 18' 10" by a competitor from Florida, who Glass said might have had the advantage because she was conditioned to the humidity.

Although the weather was grueling and the competition was tough, she said the hardest part of the trip was getting there. It was her first trip alone and she had several layovers and hours on top of hours of flying and waiting.

It wasn't all hard work for Glass. She enjoyed meeting and mingling with the other athletes from all across the nation, she said. She also had the opportunity to enjoy the Polynesian

Cultural Center, where she experienced the different cultures of the Hawaiian Islands. "That was probably the best part," she said.

Glass was selected to represent not only Inkster High School and the community in the long jump competition, but the state and the region as well. It was an invitation-only event.

She was chosen in September of 2004 and left with the responsibility to raise the almost \$3,000 needed to compete. Through months of fundraising between her and her mother, Diane, they obtained the necessary funds from local businesses

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and organizations needed for her to make it to the competition.

It took more than money to make it there, though. Glass has an impressive track record, which

enabled her to be in the running for the Hawaii tourney. The award case at her home overflows with accolades.

She was named 'Best in Camp' at the 5th Annual Inkster Legend Camp and placed fourth in the Division 4 long jump competition in 2004 and has won multiple awards in Mega Conference competitions.

In basketball, she was named Inkster High School Defensive Player of the year in 2003 and was a part of the Inkster Parks and Recreation junior playoff championship team as well as division champions at the Detroit Shock Invitational

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Whalers reign Western division after shutout against Greyhounds

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It's good to be on top.

Just ask the Plymouth Whalers – they moved into first place of the West division this weekend.

They won 3 of 4 games, including a 3-0 shutout against the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, who led the division for most of the season, to battle their way to the top spot.

Plymouth goalie Ryan Nie was the star in the match up with the 'Hounds on Sunday night in Sault Ste. Marie. He stopped 27 shots for his first shutout this season.

He had a solid contribution

from the rest of the team to pull out the win.

Plymouth's Ryan Stephenson put the Whalers on the board when he put one home against goalie Kyle Gajewski around the 8:10 mark of the first period. He received help from Tim Sestito and Jonas Fiedler. Mike Letizia made it a 2-0 game about eight minutes later with help from James Neal and Dan Collins.

Nobody scored in the second, but John Vigilante – from Mike Knight – put the game away, 3-0, with just 30 seconds left in the game.

Plymouth is now 18-15-4-3, good for 43 points, three points ahead of the Greyhounds.

Whalers 3, Wolves 2

Collins' overtime goal saved the day for the Plymouth Whalers when they faced the Wolves in Sudbury on Friday night.

Just 48 seconds into the extra period, Collins, with an assist from Neal – his third of the game – put the puck past Sudbury goalie Patrick Ehelechner for the 3-2 victory. Collins, along with John Mitchell, leads the Whalers with 14 goals. Neal has 28 points on the season.

The first period remained pretty even until about the 11-minute mark, when Sudbury's Zack Stortini scored on a power play. Jonathan D'Aversa and

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Plymouth icers split week; Salem goes winless

Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

Although it may not always translate into wins, a good work ethic is important in the world of sports. And both the Plymouth and Salem hockey teams showed that last week.

The two squads were matched up against one another on Jan. 4, with the Wildcats pulling out a tough 4-3 win.

The game was tied at one after

the opening period when junior forward and captain Ryan Stamm and forward Chris Wilson lit the lamp for Plymouth (4-6, 1-3 WLAA) and the Rocks (6-6-1, 2-4 WLAA) respectively.

Salem took a 2-1 lead about halfway through the second period as defenseman Nathan Edelen got a shot past the Wildcats sophomore goalie Justin Desilets. Plymouth sophomore defenseman Jason O'Guinn knotted the game at two with just less than

five minutes left in the second. O'Guinn assisted on the next Wildcats goal, as Stamm recorded his second score of the evening, firing a shot past Rock goaltender Brandon DeMars and giving Plymouth a 3-2 advantage.

Plymouth sophomore forward Nick Rieckhoff's goal with 9:43 left in the final period proved to be the game-winner, while forward and Salem captain John Maurer added a score in garbage time.

Both coaches said the game was well played, with the teams combining for just 12 penalties.

Each team suffered a loss in their next contest.

Plymouth was downed 5-1 by Chelsea last Saturday. The Wildcats were outshot 28-18 and 18-4 after two periods.

Stamm tied the game at one in the first period before Chelsea took over.

Salem suffered a heartbreaking 5-4 loss to Livonia Stevenson

last Friday night.

The Rocks were down 3-love early before two Brooks Bellhart goals, along with scores from Steven Tripp and Chris Wilson gave Salem a 4-3 lead.

Stevenson was able to add two goals in the late stages of the game to secure the win. Plymouth next takes on Stevenson at 6:40 p.m. at Compuware on Saturday. Salem hits the road to take on Walled Lake Northern at 1:20 p.m. on Saturday.

Salem hoops fall to 0-7, Plymouth continues to impress

Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

The Plymouth varsity basketball team is faring better than expected this season, while Salem's hoop squad continues to give valiant efforts, but can't manage a victory.

The Wildcats (5-2, 1-0 WLAA) went 1-1 last week, while Salem (0-7, 0-1) walked off the court with a loss in its only game.

Plymouth fell to Mega opponent Robichaud, 59-51, on Dec. 4. The loss came in the Wildcats' first road game of the season.

Plymouth trailed, 30-29, at the half. With a little more than a minute left to play, the Wildcats were down by three and had a chance to tie the Bulldogs. A three-point try rimmed out, followed by a missed putback. Robichaud was

clutch at the charity stripe, as they were able to eke out a win.

Junior guard D.J. Coleman poured in 22 points, while junior guard Jim Wilbur and junior forward Josh DeLuc each netted 11. DeLuc also pulled down 11 boards in the contest.

"We really had a chance to win this game," Head Coach Tom Van Wagoner said. "Robichaud did make the plays they needed to make, so credit is deserved."

Plymouth was able to quickly put the loss behind them, though, as the Wildcats routed Livonia Churchill, 61-44, on Dec. 7 in their first Western Lakes Activities Association contest.

Plymouth's defense was stout, as Churchill (1-6, 0-1 WLAA) was forced to become a perimeter team for most of the contest. Seven of their 16 made field goals came

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Head Coach Bob Brodie

from long distance, while Livonia only took eight free throws.

The Wildcats were dominant inside, too, netting 27 two-point field goals. Plymouth only took three three-point shots in the game, including a ¾ court shot at halftime by junior guard Brent Jones.

Plymouth got out to a quick eight-zip lead and never looked back. The Wildcats were up 13 at intermission, before coming away

with an impressive 17-point victory.

"Our team came out ready to play," Van Wagoner said. "We put pressure on Churchill and took them out of their game."

Sophomore forward Kulraj Sandhu scored 16 first-half points, on his way to 20 for the game. DeLuc recorded another double-double with 10 points and 15 rebounds. He also dished out seven assists and swatted away three shots.

In another tough outing for the Rocks, Salem fell to Walled Lake Central, 53-35, on Dec. 7.

Salem trailed, 27-9, at halftime. Both teams scored 26 in the second half, but Central (5-2, 1-0) played the half using their bench players.

"We got off to a slow start," Head Coach Bob Brodie said.

"Then we had to play catch-up the whole way."

Junior forward Jeff Lake led Salem with six points, while junior guard Jon Pomorski, junior forwards Kevin Bradley and Billy Leddy netted five points apiece.

The Rocks have consistently played solid defense, but have been deficient on the offensive end.

"We've been in most of our games," Brodie said. "We just don't have a lot of guys who can score. Somebody needs to step up and put the ball in the basket because that's how you win these games."

Plymouth's next contest is a road tilt with Walled Lake Northern, set for 7 p.m. tomorrow.

Salem's next chance to pick up their first win is a road contest against John Glenn, also set for 7 p.m. tomorrow.

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Mustangs fall to Novi, John Glenn on hardwood

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville varsity basketball team was missing a key component to their line up last week – not a player, but their head coach.

Coach Darrel Schumacher was recovering from shoulder surgery and didn't coach from the sideline, leaving the task to assistant coach Ed Kritch and junior varsity coach Todd Sander.

Unfortunately, the Mustangs

lost both games. Schumacher, who was present for both games, didn't attribute the losses to anything other than the other team playing better.

"Ed and Todd did a spectacular job coaching," he said. "I'm so lucky to have such talented assistants. Ed was able to keep the team focused. I thought that he did a masterful job."

Most recently, the 'Stangs were defeated by the John Glenn Rockets, 50-48, last Friday. It was the Rockets' first win of the sea-

son.

"They're a talented team," Schumacher said. "I'm pleased with how the kids played; they played hard."

Northville was up 20-13 at the half but Glenn took over and led by as much as 10 points. Northville had a lot of fight left in them but couldn't close the gap all the way and Glenn finished with the two-point victory.

"We had a good look at three-pointers at the end but they played good defense,"

Schumacher said.

The Mustangs were 10 of 20 from the line.

Alan Shanowski and Mike Jameson each scored 15 points. Jameson hit for three three-pointers and Shanowski grabbed six rebounds in the effort.

Barry Eberhardt led all scorers with 21 points and Brandon Pratt added 13 for Glenn.

Northville also had a tough time against Novi last Tuesday at home, where they fell 48-50.

"We had a difficult time shooting and we kept making small mistakes that compounded," Schumacher said.

"If we rebounded a little better and shot the ball like we're capable of, we would have done a lot better."

Northville led after one, 15-13, but Novi caught up and passed

the 'Stangs for a 24-21 lead at the half. The Cats extended their advantage to seven points after three and Northville couldn't catch them, which led to a 49-43 win for Novi.

Anthony Harbin nailed 16 for Novi. J.D. Gerblich hit for 11 points while Jameson knocked down nine with three fourth-quarter three-pointers.

Schumacher headed back to the bench this week with a game against Walled Lake Northern on Tuesday night but the results were unavailable at press time. He and the Mustangs will head to Stevenson tomorrow night.

"I feel we can be competitive, we just have to fix the little mistakes, which are all correctable," he said. "It's not big steps that get you over the hump it's little ones."

Around the court

Glenn falls to Riverview

Before the Northville game, John Glenn lost their fifth game of the season in a contest against Riverview. Ted Tackett and Alex Strock each scored 15 points to lead Riverview to a 58-50 victory. Barry Eberhardt scored 15 for Glenn.

Taylor Truman tops Inkster

The Vikings couldn't shake the rust off after a two-week holiday layoff as Taylor Truman headed to a 65-50 victory Friday night in Inkster.

"We dug ourselves a hole in the first quarter that we couldn't get out of," said Inkster Coach Gerald Paschal.

Truman shot to an 18-6 lead after the first quarter. Inkster surged in the second and third frames with 19 and 17 points

respectively but it wasn't enough to overcome the earlier deficit.

Johnnie Crawford led Inkster with 12 points and Pierre Goree and brother Anre Goree both added 10 points. Gabe Woods scored 15 for and Cordera Walsh 13 for Truman.

Inkster hosts University Prep on Saturday.

Romulus blows out Willow Run

The Romulus Eagles are averaging nearly 80 points per game and kept the average alive when they routed Willow Run 80-58 at home Friday night. Willow Run brought the game to within one point, 19-18, early in the second but the Eagle scored 27 points for a 46-24 half-time score. Romulus

scored another 24 in the third and only 10 in the final frame when the put the bench in.

"We played zone coverage in the first but changed to man-to-man in the second," said Romulus Coach Nate Oates. "They didn't handle it very well. Their guards got a little frustrated with it so we stayed with that for the second and third."

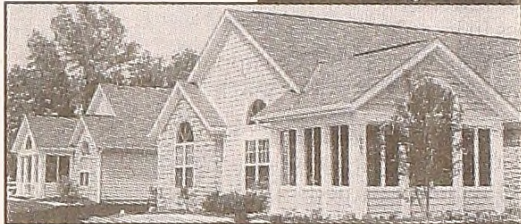
Romulus had four players in double figures. Jerret Smith led with 15 points, six rebounds and four assists and Jason Gibson added 14. Both Devin Sercy and Avery Stephenson hit for 11. Jay Thompson scored 11 for Willow Run.

They will host rival River Rouge tomorrow night.

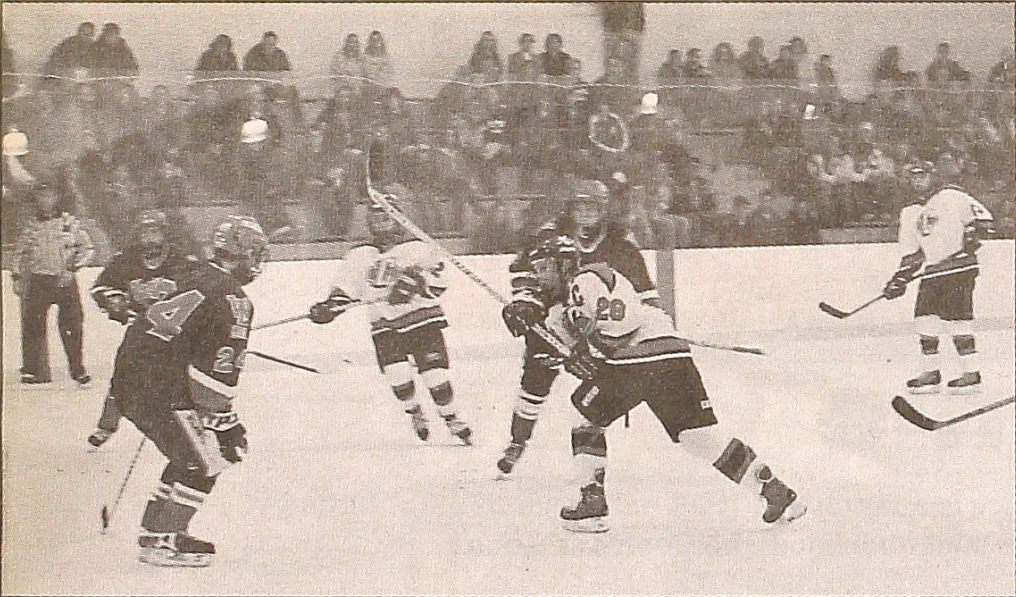
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Canton's senior defenseman Mike Kondratek (28) takes a shot in the first period against Walled Lake Western Friday night. Canton won the game 10-4.

Canton skaters trounce Western, Country Day

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs have a goal to score 100 goals this season. Thanks to two stellar performances last week, they are now 17 goals closer and more than half way there with 54 goals on the season.

Seven different players scored in the 10-4 shellacking of the Walled Lake Western Warriors Friday night and the team overcame a first-period deficit against Country Day and secured a 7-4 victory last Wednesday.

Senior forward and co-captain Reece McCabe continues to impress. He had back-to-back hat tricks in the two games and is now up to 15 goals for the season.

Against Western, Canton scored three goals in the first five minutes of the game. Senior defenseman Mike Kondratek scored in the first 20 seconds of the game, which jettied Canton to a 1-0 lead. Senior forward Bryan Wioncek made it a 2-0 game and junior forward Andy Barylski put Canton up, 3-0, at about the 11:44 mark.

That called for a change of guard from Western, who put in freshman goalie Ben Shaham. Western finished out the period with their first score that made it 3-1.

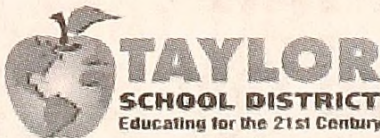
Country Day due to suspensions served at the Salem game before the holidays hit.

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Hockey

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It didn't matter, though, as Canton overcame a 3-2 deficit for a 7-4 victory.

"Again we got contribution from a lot of kids," Behen said. "The suspension turned out to be a good thing because it gave a lot of kids, who normally don't get a lot of playing time, an opportunity."

Country Day led after the first period, 3-2. Canton had scores from Sean Rago and Stevens to keep them in it.

Canton overtook the lead with a four-goal second period.

McCabe scored back-to-back goals. His second one, from Tollison and Brad Barath, was short-handed and considered the game-winner. It put the Chiefs up, 4-3, but they weren't done yet. Wioncek added a power-play goal and McCabe made it 6-3 with his third goal of the night.

Rago finished the scoring for Canton in the third period. Country Day scored late in the final period after Canton put in their back up goalie.

The 6-3-1 Chiefs hosted Plymouth High School on

Wednesday night but the results were unavailable at press time. They head to Grand Rapids Christian High School on Saturday.

They're picking things up quick. I'm pretty excited at what lies ahead.

Mike Behen
Canton Coach



Canton's Andy Barylski charges toward Western's net on a first-period breakaway. The shot was good and gave the Chiefs a 3-0 lead.

Glass

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Invitational Shootout.

"I'm so proud of her," said Diane. "She hasn't really had any professional training but when she does, she'll go far."

Until recently, Glass has only received training from long-time Inkster High School track coach Eugene Thomas, an

Eastern Michigan Hall of Fame inductee.

The 18-year-old star started training last year with the Detroit Accelerators, a club track team headed by former Inkster resident James Hall, where she has made great strides in her training, too.

"Darlene was very quiet when she joined our club. Now she's as loud as any of the girls. She's very special to me as all of them are," Hall said. "But

what's so special about 'D'Glass', is that she just comes out of nowhere at you on the track. She's like a quiet explosion and boom, you're saying 'wow.'"

"I'm very proud of her accomplishments in Hawaii," he added. "The thing with Darlene is: she hasn't yet reached her next growth phase in high school. She will really break out when she gets back to her high school coach Eugene Thomas.

He's an outstanding motivator and his talent is getting the best results out of the Inkster High kids."

Although basketball and the WNBA are possibilities, Glass's next goal is to go to college, which she hopes will help her fulfill her ultimate goal in competing in the 2008 Olympics.

So far, Alabama State University is offering her a one-year track scholarship along with a four-year basketball

scholarship. She's also been on recruiting trips to Eastern Michigan University and Wayne State University, according to Hall.

But she is holding off until after the spring track season to make a decision, she said.

"My ultimate goal is to go to the Olympics - I'm too short for basketball," she said. "I want to wait before I decide where to go to school. I might decide to stay in-state."



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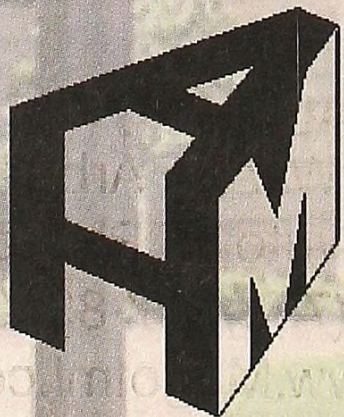


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Belleville Tigers dismantle Allen Park, Monroe

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Belleville remained undefeated in the Mega Red division with two convincing victories at home last week against the Monroe and Allen Park.

Against Monroe on Friday, it was a closely contested first half but Belleville tightened up their defense and secured a 59-36 victory.

Belleville led 20-19 after one frame of play and both teams scored 10 in the second to maintain the one-point separation.

In the second half, Belleville

only allowed one basket. They kept Monroe scoreless in the third quarter until the final five seconds, when they hit two free throws. Belleville outscored Monroe 17-2 in that frame. The defense continued the pressure and allowed one field goal in the final quarter of play, along with three free throws. Belleville added 12 to their scorecard for the win.

"We were a little quick on offense, taking quick shots," said Belleville Coach Mike Krogel. "On defense we allowed them some offensive opportunities. In the second the defense picked

up, but more importantly the offense started to take better shots and things started to fall into place."

Juniors Leon Freeman and Tommie Clark combined for 45 points for Belleville. Freeman hit the majority with 27. He also grabbed 10 rebounds to record a double-double along with five assists and eight blocks. Clark hit for 18 points. Isaac Kindell scored 10 with four assists and three steals.

The Tigers won their first game of the New Year when they defeated the Allen Park Jaguars, 64-40, at home last

Tuesday.

Freeman led the team again with 20 points, 11 rebounds and six steals. Clark knocked down 11.

"After the first we opened it up in the second and took control," Krogel said. "Everybody got to play, that's always a good morale booster."

Belleville had a hard time containing Allen Park's Kevin Klein in the first half. He scored 25 points, with eight of them in the first quarter and all four of Allen Park's in the second. Even so, Belleville jolted to a 32-16 half-time lead with an 8-0 run

to end the half.

The scoring onslaught continued with a 13-1 run to start the third quarter, Krogel said. The 21-10 third period and an 11-point fourth secured the victory.

If Belleville wasn't impressive enough, they will get some big help at the post when two transfer students become eligible. Both 6-foot-7 Mike Gibson and 6-foot-5 DeMarcus Boone should get the nod to start once the semester is over, according to Krogel.

Belleville's next contest is at 7 p.m. tomorrow, when they host Ypsilanti.

Whalers

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Marc Staal assisted on the play. The goal came about six seconds after Mike Looby was sent to the box for cross checking.

It took almost 5:30 for the Whalers to strike back. Vigilante evened things up at about the 16:28 mark, with help from John Mitchell and Neal, on a power play tally. This time it was the Wolves' Steve Miller who was in the box for cross checking.

It wasn't until there was about 3:14 left in the uneventful second period when Sudbury regained the lead. Devin DiDionete snuck one by Plymouth goalie Justin Garay for the 2-1 lead. Mills and Kyle Musselman were credited

with the assists on the goal. Plymouth did fend off three power-play attempts by Sudbury.

Late in the third period, Vaclav Meidl scored the equalizer and forced the overtime period. Collins and Neal assisted on the play. Plymouth avoided two more power play assaults in the third.

Collins, with his fourth point of the night, put the game away in the extra frame.

Garay earned the win in net for Plymouth with 21 saves on 23 shots.

Whalers 1, Colts 3

Two third-period goals for the Barrie Colts buried the Whalers last Thursday night.

Barrie kicked things off with a score from Rob Hisey at around 5:05 in the first period. Ryan Hamilton and B.J. Crombeen

earned the assists.

Plymouth's only goal followed at the 6:17 mark of the frame when rookie John Armstrong knocked one by Barrie goalie Francois Thout. Vigilante and Looby notched the assists.

That would be all for the Whalers. The second period went scoreless but Barrie offered two more goals from Andrew Marshall and Hunter Tremblay. Travis Fuller and Crombeen assisted on Marshall's goal while Tremblay scored unassisted.

Whalers 6, Spirit 3

It was a shootout at the CE Center (Saginaw County Event Center), but it was the Plymouth Whalers that came out on top with a 6-3 victory last Tuesday.

It was a close contest until Neal knocked in a power-play goal about 18 seconds into the

third period, which broke a 3-3 tie.

The victory gave the Whalers their first taste of first place in the West division this season—one point ahead of the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds.

Five other Whalers scored in the win.

Plymouth and Saginaw alternated goals in the first period. The Spirit scored first from Kevin Tuckey. Fiedler knotted things up with a power-play score where Vigilante and Mitchell earned the assists. Patrick McNeill, from Daniel Borgess, gave the Spirit the edge again but Collins evened things up with help from Neal and Sestito. The first period ended in a 2-2 tie.

Mitchell gave Plymouth the lead at about 55 seconds into the

second frame. Sestito and Vigilante helped on the play but Saginaw's Thomas Harrison scored the equalizer, which made it a 3-3 game at the end of two.

The third period belonged to the Whalers, though.

Neal, from Knight and Mitchell, on a power play attempt broke the game open. Looby extended the lead to 5-3 with help from Meidl.

Meidle combined with Knight and Sestito and made good on a power play, which put the game away, 6-3.

Nie stopped 20 of 23 shots for the win.

The Whalers finish up a five-game road trip at Windsor tonight before they return home to host the Guelph Storm on Saturday night and the Owen Sound on Sunday.

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